# An account of *Eutaxia* (Leguminosae: Mirbelieae) with a focus on the Western Australian species

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#### Abstract

Wilkins, C.F., Chappill, J.A. & Henderson, G.R. An account of *Eutaxia* (Leguminosae: Mirbelieae) with a focus on the Western Australian species. *Nuytsia* 20: 109–167 (2010). The Western Australian species of the endemic Australian legume genus *Eutaxia* R.Br. are revised. Twenty two species are recognised, all but three of them confined to Western Australia. Six new species are described, *E. acanthoclada* G.R.Hend. & Chappill, *E. inuncta* C.F.Wilkins & Chappill, *E. exilis* C.F.Wilkins & G.R.Hend., *E. hirsuta* C.F.Wilkins & Chappill, *E. lasiophylla* G.R.Hend. and *E. lutea* Chappill & G.R.Hend. *Pultenaea neurocalyx* Turcz. is transferred to *Eutaxia*, *P. neurocalyx* var. *major* Benth. is given specific status as *E. major* (Benth.) C.F.Wilkins & Chappill, and two new subspecies are recognised, *E. neurocalyx* subsp. *nacta* C.F.Wilkins and *E. neurocalyx* subsp. *papillosa* C.F.Wilkins. *Eutaxia diffusa* F.Muell. is reinstated as a distinct species rather than a variety of *E. microphylla*, and *E. empetrifolia* Schltdl. and *E. leptophylla* Turcz. are reinstated as distinct species rather than being synonymous with *E. microphylla* (R.Br.) C.H.Wright & Dewar. *Eutaxia densifolia* Turcz. and *E. dillwynioides* Meisn. are reduced to synonyms of *E. parvifolia* Benth, and *Eutaxia obovata* (Labill.) C.A.Gardner is placed in synonomy under *E. myrtifolia* (Sm.) R.Br. which now stands as the correct name for the type of *Eutaxia*.

#### Introduction

Eutaxia R.Br. (Leguminosae: Mirbelieae) is a genus of 12 currently recognised species restricted to the south-west of Western Australia, except for E. microphylla (R.Br.) C.H.Wright & Dewar which occurs in South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, E. empetrifolia Schltdl. which occurs in Western Australia and South Australia, and E. diffusa F.Muell. which occurs in South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria and southern Queensland. The genus was last revised by Bentham (1864), who recognised 8 species. His taxonomic framework has essentially remained unchanged with the exception of the substitution of the names E. obovata Turcz. for E. myrtifolia (Sm.) R.Br. (Grieve 1998), E. microphylla for E. empetrifolia (Wright & Dewar 1894, Grieve 1998), the division of E. microphylla into two varieties (var. microphylla (Court 1957) from the original Sclerothamnus microphyllus and var. diffusa from E. diffusa), and the publication of five new Western Australian species (Wilkins & Chappill 2007). Investigation of Eutaxia specimens housed at the Western Australian Herbarium

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(PERTH) has uncovered a large number of misidentified specimens and a number of additional new taxa. This revision recognises 22 species in Western Australia, including six new species, two new subspecies, three reinstated species and two new combinations. *Pultenaea neurocalyx* Turcz. is transferred to *Eutaxia* (see notes below).

Genus delimitation. Eutaxia was first described by Robert Brown (1811) to accommodate specimens previously included within the genus Dillwynia Sm. Two species, D. myrtifolia Sm. and D. obovata Labill., were moved into the new genus under the name E. myrtifolia (Sm.) R.Br. Brown characterised Eutaxia as having a bilabiate calyx, swollen fruit, hooked style, capitate stigma and opposite leaves. All but the opposite leaves are shared with Dillwynia. At the same time, Brown described the new genus Sclerothamnus R.Br. based on S. microphyllus from the 'south coast of New Holland'. Sclerothamnus was distinguished from Eutaxia by its stipitate ovary, filiform style and simple rather than capitate stigma. It was subsequently reduced to a section within Eutaxia by Mueller (1858). Mueller's decision to unite Eutaxia and Sclerothamnus into a single genus may prove erroneous; however, until expanded phylogenetic analyses are undertaken to investigate the relationships between Eutaxia, Dillwynnia and Pultenaea, the group of taxa with curved narrow style and simple stigmas are retained in this revision as Eutaxia sect. Sclerothamnus.

Crisp and Weston (1995) in a morphological cladistic analysis found that three-ribbed leaves and a ribbed calyx were synapomorphies for a clade comprising *Eutaxia*, *Sclerothamnus* and *Pultenaea neurocalyx*. A morphological study by Henderson (1998) supports the inclusion of *P. neurocalyx* within a monophyletic section *Eutaxia*, characterised by a broad style hooked just below the apex and a capitate stigma. The calyx ribs believed to be characteristic of both *Eutaxia* and *P. neurocalyx* were, however, observed to be no more prominent in many *Eutaxia* species than on some *Pultenaea* taxa. Molecular studies (Crisp *et al.* 1999, Orthia *et al.* 2005a, 2005b) also suggest that *P. neurocalyx* is more closely related to *Eutaxia* than to *Pultenaea* Sm. *s. str.* 

Crisp and Weston (1995) also identified a single synapomorphy, opposite leaves, for *Eutaxia s. str.*; this feature has been generally used to distinguish the genus from *Dillwynia* and *Pultenaea*. This has resulted in some confusion in the past, however, with the more distantly related opposite-leaved species *Gastrolobium punctatum* (Turcz.) G.Chandler & Crisp and *G. reticulatum* (Meisn.) Benth. both being originally named in *Eutaxia*. Furthermore, opposite leaves are not present in *E. andocada* Chappill & C.F.Wilkins (alternate leaves), *E. actinophylla* Chappill & C.F.Wilkins (whorled leaves) or the six new taxa described herein with close affinity to *E. neurocalyx* (alternate leaves). Uncertainty therefore remains as to the true distinguishing features of the genus, as the characters previously used to define *Eutaxia* are not limited to the genus. Characters consistently present within the genus are adaxially concave leaves, absent or minute stipules and a calyx with three imbricate abaxial lobes and two valvate adaxial lobes in bud.

It should be noted that recent molecular phylogenetic analyses of the Mirbelieae genera (Chandler et al. 2001; Crisp & Cook 2003; Orthia et al. 2005b) have found that generic boundaries within the monophyletic NA (no antipodal cells) group (Cameron & Prakash 1994; Crisp & Cook 2003), to which Eutaxia belongs, are contentious. It has been proposed that all genera within the Pultenaea s. lat. group (including Eutaxia) be synonymised (Crisp & Cook 2003) under Pultenaea Sm. (Orthia et al. 2005b). If such reclassification proceeds it will not be in the near future and therefore the name Eutaxia is maintained here for this revision.

#### Methods

The first author has examined, measured and recorded morphological information for all species of *Eutaxia* and completed the revision commenced by J. Chappill (deceased 2006) and G. Henderson (*Eutaxia* honours project 1998, whereabouts unknown). Herbarium specimens from A, AD, BM, BRI, CANB, G, GH, HO, K, MEL, NSW, P, PERTH, and fresh specimens from fieldwork collections, were examined by the second and third authors. The first author examined specimens from a subset of these herbaria (BM, G, K, MEL, P and PERTH) since specimens from the remaining herbaria were returned prior to completion of this revision. An exclamation mark! after the type specimen citation means viewed by the first author. The majority of *Eutaxia* species occur in Western Australia and are well represented at PERTH. While all species of *Eutaxia* have been examined, this paper has been restricted in scope to a revision of the genus in Western Australia, as re-examination of additional specimens from other Australian herbaria was not feasible. From specimens viewed by the first author, including the type specimens of *E. microphylla*, *E. empetrifolia* and *E. diffusa*, it is apparent that these three taxa are distinct species. Further new species may be present in eastern Australia.

Distribution maps were compiled using *Online map creation* freeware (http://www.aquarius.geomar. de/omc\_intro.html). Precise localities for threatened species have been withheld for conservation reasons.

#### **Taxonomic treatment**

Eutaxia R.Br., in Aiton, *Hortus Kewensis* ed. 2, 3: 16 (Oct.–Nov. 1811). *Type citation: Dillwynia myrtifolia* Sm., *D. obovata* Labill. *Lectotype* (here designated): *Eutaxia myrtifolia* (Sm.) R.Br.

Sclerothamnus R.Br., in Aiton, Hortus Kewensis ed. 2, 3: 16 (Oct.-Nov. 1811). Type: Sclerothamnus microphyllus R.Br.

Perennial shrubs, mat-like, prostrate, sprawling or typically erect, not resinous, not glandular, glabrous or with simple hairs. Stems unarmed or with pungent apices. Stipules absent or present, inconspicuous, free, interpetiolar, attached to the apex of the pulvinus. Leaves persistent, ascending, spreading or appressed, mainly opposite and decussate, alternate or in whorls of 3, simple, pulvinate, concave, margin entire, abaxial surface with one or three ribs, or ribs absent. Flowers mainly axillary, 1 or 2, often crowded at ends of branchlets; or with 2-7 flowers with bracts, that are clustered on a leafless, extended flowering section of stem, that is 2-12 mm long and towards the apex of the branchlet, with new leaf growth then extending on the stem above the flowering stem section. Bracts either one present in the axil of a vegetative leaf, or the flower subtended by a shorter and often broader and thinner-textured floral leaf, or the flower subtended by a vegetative leaf and bract absent. Bracteoles persistent on pedicels, lanceolate to broadly ovate. Calyx prominently or inconspicuously 6-, 10- or 25-ribbed, ecostate in bud, three abaxial (lower) lobes ovate, slightly or strongly imbricate and the apex acute; two adaxial (upper) lobes valvate and straight with the apex acute, or falcate (with one straight side and one curved side) with the apex truncate; adaxial lobes fused to a higher level than the three abaxial lobes; all lobes persistent on fruit. Corolla papilionoid, yellow throughout or yellow-orange to yellow with dark red markings, glabrous; standard lamina base cordate or truncate, with or without auricles; lamina broadly elliptic to broadly ovate, without callosities; the apex emarginate; wings oblong to slightly obovate, straight or downcurved; keel shorter than standard and wings, straight or slightly downcurved, oblong, slightly obovate or sub-triangular, the apex subacute to rounded. Stamens 10, free, attached to hypanthium; anthers oblong, versatile, dorsifixed. Viscid threads observed in fresh pollen (E. cuneata J.Chappill 6475). Intrastaminal disc absent. Gynoecium sessile or stipitate, unilocular, partly or wholly covered in short hairs; ovules 2, funicles glabrous, 0.15–0.25 mm long; style either filiform, straight or bent, with a simple stigma, or thick and hooked just below a capitate stigma, style glabrous or sparsely hairy towards the ovary. Fruit round, ellipsoid, the placental margin straight and opposite margin curved, or both margins with the same curvature, straight, turgid or compressed; style remnant central or offset towards placental margin. Seed ellipsoid with slight or prominent radicular lobe, glabrous; aril white or cream, u-shaped around hilum. Seed anatomy with hour-glass cells present, tracheid bar present, malpighian cells present, linea lucida absent, mucilage layer present, counter-palisade present, cotyledon cells thin-walled (Chappill et al. unpublished data on E. myrtifolia). Canavanine present in E. microphylla (Bell et al. 1978). Alkaloids absent (Aplin & Cannon 1971). Not reported to be poisonous. Root nodules present (Lange 1959, 1961, Barnet 1988).

Chromosome number. 2n = 14, 16, 32 (Sands 1975).

Typification notes. Although *E. myrtifolia* was the first named species of *Eutaxia*, the name was at that time invalid since *Dillwynia obovata*, which is cited in synonomy, is an older name than *Dillwynia myrtifolia*. *Dillwynia obovata* is a well-known and widely cultivated taxon that has been widely known as *Eutaxia obovata* (Labill.) C.A.Gardner (Grieve 1998); however, this epithet had been previously used by Turczaninow (1853) to describe a different species (synonymous with *E. parvifolia*) before Brown's error was noticed and the combination made from *D. obovata* by Gardner (1930). Although *E. myrtifolia* (Sm.) R.Br. was the incorrect name for the taxon at the time of publication, Turczaninow's work has made the correct combination unavailable and *E. myrtifolia* has to stand as the correct name for the here designated lectotype of *Eutaxia* (see Article 52.3 of the ICBN; McNeill *et al.* 2006).

The name *Eutaxia* comes from the Greek *eu* (= well) and *taxis* (= arrangement), probably referring to the regular arrangement of the leaves.

#### Key to the species of Eutaxia

1.	Calyx prominently 15–25-ribbed, spinescent branchlets absent	2
1:	Calyx with 12 or fewer inconspicuous ribs, or venation obscure; spinescent branchlets absent or present	8
2.	Keel apex yellow-orange (W.A.: from Peak Charles to W of Mt Ragged)	1.7. E. lutea
2:	Keel apex red at least at apex	3
3.	Calyx outer surface and both leaf surfaces densely hairy or just calyx and upper leaf surface densely hairy (W.A.: Muntadgin to N of Hyden)	<b>1.4. E. hirs</b> uta
3:	Calyx outer surface glabrous (lobe margin with hairs); leaf surfaces glabrous, marginal hairs absent or present	4
4.	Calyx total length (from pedicel attachment to apex of lobe) 3.6–4.5(–5) mm long; majority of mature leaves < 2.5 mm long	5
4:	Calyx total length (4.5–)5–8.5 mm long; majority of mature leaves > 2.5 mm long	7

5.	Leaves erect but spreading; keel adaxial margin glabrous (W.A.: Harrismith to Forrestania and S to Chillinup Pool and South Stirling Ranges)
5:	Leaves mainly appressed to stem; keel adaxial margin with minute hairs
6.	Stem with dense, long hairs to 0.6 mm long (W.A.: E of Southern Cross to N of Bremer Range)
6:	Stem with dense, papillose hairs c. 0.05 mm long (W.A.: from NNW of Bullfinch to Newdegate)
7.	Calyx outer surface dull, green-brown between ribs; leaf width 0.4–1 mm, leaf lower surface rib same width throughout (W.A.: Bremer Bay to Cape Arid)
7:	Calyx outer surface glossy, red-brown between ribs; leaf width  1.3–2.5 mm, rib on lower surface of leaf widened toward apex  (W.A.: Ravensthorpe and Cape Arid)
8.	Style sturdy, hooked; stigma capitate
8:	Style filiform, straight or curved, but never hooked; stigma simple
9.	Adaxial two calyx lobes with truncate lip, free for $< 0.6 \text{ mm}$
9:	Adaxial two calyx lobes acute, free for > 0.7 mm
10.	Leaves cuneate (wedge shaped) 2–12.5 mm long, apex obtuse or with short, blunted mucron (W.A.: Cheyne Beach to E of Munglinup)
10:	Leaves obovate 4.5–21 mm long, apex acute to acuminate with long cream apiculus (W.A.: between Cape Naturaliste and Cape Arid)
11.	Calyx inconspicuously 10–12-ribbed, bracteoles < 1 mm long; keel apex much narrower than base
11:	Calyx inconspicuously 5–6-ribbed, bracteoles > 1.1(–4) mm long; keel apex almost same width as base13
12.	Leaves crowded, longer than internodes, 1.8–3.5 mm wide, apiculus rounded; standard lamina 5.8–6.7 mm wide (W.A.: N of Capel to Mt Manypeaks)
12:	Leaves distant, shorter than internodes, 0.4–1(–1.3) mm wide, apiculus acuminate; standard lamina 2.8–5.1 mm wide (W.A.: Harvey area to Whicher Range)
13.	Lower three calyx lobes < 2 mm wide; leaves glabrous
13:	Lower three calyx lobes > 2 mm wide; leaves densely hairy at least on upper surface (W.A.: between Muntadgin, Bronti and Lake Cronin)
14.	Habit slender with long branchlets; leaves usually distant, very narrowly obovate, oblanceolate to almost linear (W.A.: Perth to Augusta and E to Mt Manypeaks)
14:	Habit crowded with shorter branchlets; leaves usually crowded, obovate to elliptic, narrowly obovate (W.A.: widespread from Bolgart to Gracetown and E to Hatter Hill and Cape Arid)

15.	Keel yellow or yellow-orange throughout
15:	Keel red at least at tip
16.	Calyx outer surface with sparse, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.2 mm long (W.A.: Parker Range, Mt Holland, Forrestania, Lake Barker)
16:	Calyx glabrous except for lobe margins
17.	Erect shrub; tips of branchlets not spinescent; leaves in whorls of 3 WA: Norseman, Salmon Gums, Mt Newmont)
17:	Prostrate mat forming shrub; tips of branchlets spinescent; leaves alternate or irregularly arranged (W.A.: Forrestania to Mt Madden)
18.	Leaves alternate, glabrous (W.A.: Peak Charles area)
18:	Leaves opposite and decussate, glabrous or hairy
19.	Leaf and bracteole with apical apiculum uncinate; stems never spine-tipped (W.A.: from E of Mullewa to Lort River, W of Esperance)
19:	Leaf and bracteole apex straight; stems with or without spinous tips
	Leaves obovate or narrowly obovate, apex subacute or acute, leaves mainly > 5 mm long, not spinescent
20:	Leaves ovate, narrowly ovate, oblong or narrowly elliptic, apex obtuse, leaves mainly < 4 mm long, apex branchlets often pungent
21.	Leaf narrowly obovate, apex subacute, base not distinctly tapered, not discolorous; fruit sub-globose $3-3.5\times2.6-3$ mm (south-west W.A., S.A.) 2.5. E. empetrifolia
21:	Leaf distinctly obovate with apex acute, base narrowed to petiole, lower surface darker than upper surface; fruit ellipsoid, 5–6 × 3.3–4.5 mm (Qld, N.S.W., Vic., S.A., one collection ? W.A.)
22.	Calyx outer surface with sparse, white hairs; leaf abaxial surface verrucose, stems not pungent (W.A.: Beverley, Kokeby, Quairading, Yellowdine)
22:	Calyx glabrous except for lobe margins; leaf abaxial surface smooth except for rib23
23.	Majority of mature leaves < 1 mm long (new growth leaves up to 3 mm long and narrowly ovate); leaf margin with hairs; apex of branchlets hairy, never pungent (W.A.: Riverina Station, S to Lake Cronin, Duranillin, Lake Magenta, Gnowangerup)
23:	Majority of mature leaves on plant > 1 mm long; leaves and stem glabrous, or rarely margins hairy; apical branchlets often pungent (N.S.W., S.A., Tas., Vic.)2.8. E. microphylla

Notes. Two putative new species of *Eutaxia* have recently been collected and are recommended as priority species for further survey. They are from Jasper Hill (R.J. Cranfield 8607) and North Ironcap (P. Armstrong *et. al.* 06/898). There is one fruiting specimen of each taxon and until further collection there is insufficient material for descriptions. Both have the following features: stipules minute; style filiform and bent, the stigma simple; calyx outer surface glabrous, without prominent ribs; fruit capsules prominently stipitate.

The first putative species from east of Jasper Hill superficially resembles *E. microphylla* with its pungent branchlets and small leaves but is easily identifiable in having narrowly obovate, verticillate leaves rather than being ovate and opposite - decussate. It differs from *E. actinophylla*, which also has verticillate leaves, in having distinctive, very long fruiting pedicels and glabrous fruits.

The second putative species is from north of North Ironcap. It is similar to *E. rubricarina* in having hairy, verrucose leaves and a red keel, but differs in having a glabrous calyx and alternate rather than opposite - decussate leaves.

Eutaxia R.Br. section Eutaxia, in F.Muell., Fragm. 1: 7 (Mar. 1858).

Ovary sessile or shortly stipitate (stipe < 0.6 mm); style thick and hooked just below the apex; stigma capitate.

1.1. Eutaxia cuneata Meisn., in Lehm., *Pl. Preiss.* 1: 65 (Sep. 1844). *Type citation*: 'In rupestribus collium Konkoberup hills (Kent) [Western Australia] d. 19. Nov. 1840. Herb. Preiss. No. 1022.' (*lecto, here designated*: LD; *isolecto*: G!, NY (image!).

Shrub, erect, densely or rarely sparsely branched,  $0.3-1.6 \times 0.6-1.3$  m. Stems grey-brown, to redbrown, not tuberculate, not spinescent, glabrous. Stipules mainly absent or cream,  $c.~0.15 \times 0.1$  mm. Pulvinus 0.2–0.5 mm long, Leaves spreading, opposite and decussate, internode length shorter than leaf length, petiole 0.4–0.8 mm long; blade discolorous, mid green over grey-brown, cuneate, 2–17 × 1.1– 7 mm, abaxial surface smooth, with one prominent central vein and two faint lateral veins at base, both surfaces and margin glabrous, the apex obtuse or somewhat cuspidate, straight. Flowers axillary, in pairs or solitary. Bracts in the axil of a vegetative leaf, oblong or ovate, 0.7-1.2 × 0.4-0.8 mm. Bracteoles positioned c. halfway down pedicel, red-brown, ovate,  $0.6-1.3 \times 0.4-0.6$  mm, both surfaces glabrous, margin and the apex with sparse, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.1 mm long. Pedicels straight, rarely recurved, 1.5-4 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals 3.5-5 × 2.2-2.5 mm, glabrous except for margins of lobes. Hypanthium 0.4-0.55 mm long. Calyx inconspicuously 6-ribbed, green or red-brown without markings, or with red spots, dull; total calyx length 3.5-5 mm; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.5-1.9 mm, symmetrical,  $1.5-2 \times 0.8-1.3$  mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 3.5-4.5 mm, broadly ovate, falcate,  $0.3-0.5 \times 1-1.3$  mm, the apex truncate. Standard claw  $2-3 \times 0.35-0.8$  mm; lamina base truncate, auriculate; lamina orange-yellow with a yellow, elliptic eye bordered by a brick red, broad halo; lamina elliptic to broadly ovate, 6.5-7 × 7.3-9.6 mm, emarginate indent 0.5-0.7 mm long. Wings claw 1.5-2.8 mm long; adaxial spur straight or slightly curved, 0.4-0.8 mm long; lamina orange-yellow, darker towards the base, straight or downturned, oblong to slightly obovate, 5.5-6.3 × 1.6-1.9 mm; the apex obtuse. Keel claw 1.5-2.3 mm long; lamina dark orange-red throughout, straight, more or less oblong, 4.2-4.7 × 1.7-1.8 mm, glabrous, the apex somewhat acute. Stamen filaments 2.1-5 × 0.1-0.3 mm; anthers yellow, 0.3-0.5 × 0.25-0.3 mm, Gynoecium sessile; ovary 2-2.8 × 0.6-0.8 mm, lower half glabrous, remainder with moderately dense, spreading, straight hairs, c. 0.6 mm long; style hooked towards the apex,  $1.8-3.1 \times 0.2$  mm, lower 1/3 with moderately dense, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.6 mm long, glabrous on upper 2/3; stigma capitate. Fruit compressed, ellipsoid, placental margin straight, opposite margin curved, 5-5.2 × 2.6-2.7 mm, outer surface with scattered, appressed, straight and wavy hairs c. 0.2 mm long. Seed dark brown with black markings, ellipsoid, 2–2.4  $\times$  1.4–1.45 mm; aril white, c. 1.5  $\times$  0.5 mm. (Figure 1)

Chromosome number. 2n = 16 (voucher Sands 638.12.14; Sands 638.16.17 cited as E. parvifolia by Sands 1975).

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Fitzgerald River, 3 Aug. 1970, K.M. Allan 330 (MEL, NSW, PERTH); S of Jerramungup, 24 Aug. 1965, J.C. Anway 268 (PERTH); S of Ravensthorpe, Sep. 1925, W.E. Blackall & C.A. Gardner s.n. (PERTH); NW of Coujinup Hill, 12 Aug. 1983, M.A. Burgman 1992 (PERTH); W of Lort River Bridge, on S Coast Hwy, 18 Sep. 2000, J.A. Chappill, M.D.

Crisp & L. Cook 6475 (PERTH); Pallinup River Reserve, W of bridge, 16 Aug. 1986, E.J. Croxford 5059 B (PERTH); Montem [Mount] Desmond, 30 Aug. 1962, C.A. Gardner 14067 (PERTH); Kundip, 22 Aug. 1965, C.A. Gardner 16225 (PERTH); Junction of Fitzgerald and Lusetta Rivers, 12 July 1970, A.S. George 9967 (CANB, PERTH); Museum Greenbelt, Jerramungup, 15 Sep. 1994, W.R. Lullfitz 38 (PERTH); Fitzgerald R crossing on Hassell Hwy, 4 Nov. 1992, T.D. Macfarlane 2111 (CANB, PERTH); N end of Ravensthorpe Range SE of Mt Short, 30 Aug. 1980, B.R. Maslin 4768 (K, PERTH); SE of Ongerup, 12 July 1964, K.R. Newbey 3034 (MEL, PERTH); Location 900, in gully leading into Yerritup Creek, N of coast at Stokes Inlet, 25 Sep. 1968, A.E. Orchard 1184 (AD, CANB, PERTH); E of Jerramungup, 24 Aug. 1963, V.E. Sands 638.16.17 (PERTH, SYD); Needilup, Oct. 1986, B. Smith 28/86 (PERTH); W of Bremer Bay township, 1 Oct. 1966, P.G. Wilson 4333 (CANB, K, PERTH); S of road from Ravensthorpe to Hamersley R, 26 Aug. 1965, E. Wittwer 378 (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia cuneata is found close to the south coast of Western Australia, from Cheyne Beach to Ravensthorpe (Figure 2). It has been collected in heath, scrub and open woodland on a range of soil types, including clay, loam, sand and gravel.

Flowering period. July to October.



Figure 1. Flowering stem of Eutaxia cuneata. Photo Mary Hancock.

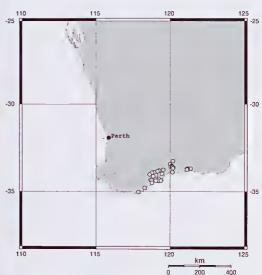


Figure 2. Distribution of Eutaxia cuneata in Western Australia.

Conservation status. This species is widespread and not considered to be under threat at this time.

Etymology. From the Latin cuneatus in reference to the cuneate leaf shape present in this species.

Notes. Eutaxia cuneata most closely resembles the commonly cultivated species *E. myrtifolia*. These species share the distinctive truncate adaxial calyx lip and small (c. 1 mm long) ovate bracteoles positioned towards the middle of the pedicel. They differ only by their leaf form, *E. cuneata* having cuneate leaves with an obtuse or apiculate apex while *E. myrtifolia* has obovate leaves with an acute to acuminate apex. The leaves of *E. cuneata* are also generally smaller (2–12.5 mm long), than those of *E. myrtifolia* (4.5–21 mm long).

The type specimen at LD has been chosen as the lectotype over the NY specimen as it is of superior quality (Crisp pers. comm. 2009). Both sheets were viewed by Meissner (see Crisp 1983).

1.2. Eutaxia epacridoides Meisn., in Lehm., *Pl. Preiss*. 1: 64 (Sep. 1844). *Type citation*: 'In solo turfoso inter frutices densos prope montes Melville et Elphinstone (Plantagenet) d. 11. Oct. 1840. Herb. Preiss. No. 412 et 867.' *Lecto, here designated: L. Preiss* 867 (LD); *isolecto*: G!, GOET, MO, NY (image!), P!, W. *Paralecto: L. Preiss* 412 (G!, MEL, NY (image!), PERTH! 00861197, PERTH! 01006746, S).

Shrub, erect to spreading or decumbent, sparsely branched, 0.25–1.2 × 0.15–0.6 m. Stems green, smooth or tuberculate, not spinescent, glabrous. Stipules cream, 0.1-0.3 × 0.1-0.15 mm. Pulvinus 0.2-1 mm long. Leaves spreading, opposite and decussate, internode length shorter than leaf length, petiole 0.3-0.8 mm long; blade concolorous grey-green, or abaxial surface darker grey-green, narrowly elliptic, 9.5–20 × 1.8–3.8 mm, abaxial surface smooth, ribs absent or with one prominent central vein and two faint lateral veins at base, both surfaces and margin glabrous; the apex acute and straight. Flowers axillary, in pairs or rarely solitary. Bracts in the axil of a vegetative leaf, ovate,  $1-1.8 \times 0.6-1$  mm. Bracteoles on middle to upper portion of pedicel, red-brown, subulate,  $0.4-0.9 \times 0.6-1$ 0.3-0.6 mm; both surfaces glabrous; margins with scattered, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.05 mm long. Pedicels recurved, rarely straight, 1.3-4.1 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals 5.5-6.5 × 1.2-2.3 mm, glabrous except for margins of lobes. Hypanthium 0.3-0.7 mm long. Calyx prominently 10- or rarely 12-ribbed, green or red-brown without markings, dull; total calyx length 5.5-6.5 mm long; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.2-2 mm, equal in length or middle lobe slightly longer,  $2.3-3 \times 0.7-0.9$  mm, with lateral lobes  $1.9-2.9 \times 0.65-0.9$  mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 2.8–3.6 mm, ovate, straight or falcate,  $0.8-1.5 \times 0.8-1.2$  mm, the apex acute. Standard claw 2.5–2.8 × 0.35–0.5 mm; lamina base truncate, with or without auricles; lamina yellow-orange with red markings on front surrounding a pale yellow eye, back almost completely dark red; lamina elliptic to obovate, 6-7.1 × 5.7-6.7 mm, emarginate indent 0.5-1.3 mm. Wings claw 2.3-2.6 mm long; lamina adaxial spur straight, c. 0.4 mm long; lamina yellow-orange infused with pale red at the base, straight, oblong to slightly obovate, 5.3-5.7 × 1.2-1.4 mm; the apex rounded to truncate. Keel claw 2.1-2.7 mm long; lamina deep maroon red at the apex fading to cream at the base, straight, triangular,  $4-6.4 \times$ 1.3–1.4 mm, glabrous; the apex narrow, subacute. Stamen filaments 2.2–5 × 0.15–0.3 mm; anthers cream, 0.25–0.4 × 0.2–0.25 mm. Gynoecium sessile or with stipe to 0.25 mm long; ovary 1.3–1.8 × 0.4-0.7 mm, with moderately dense, spreading, straight hairs 0.6-0.8 mm long, evenly distributed or more dense towards the apex; style hooked towards the apex,  $1.7-3.3 \times 0.15-0.35$  mm, glabrous; stigma capitate. Fruit compressed, ellipsoid, c. 5.5 × 2.7 mm, placental margin slightly curved, nonplacental margin strongly curved, outer surface with scattered, spreading, straight hairs c. 1 mm long towards the apex. Seed brown, with or without black markings or black, ellipsoid, 2-2.1 × 1.2 mm; aril cream, c.  $0.8 \times 0.4$  mm.

Chromosome number: 2n = 16 (voucher Sands 638.12.2; cited by Sands 1975).

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Karridale, Oct. 1905, C. Andrews s.n. (PERTH); Busselton - Nannup Road, Busselton, 21 Sep. 1975, A. Annels 1119 (PERTH); Kordabup Road, 12 Sep. 1991, A.R. Annels 1655 (PERTH); E of Bornholm, 17 Sep. 1966, E.M. Bennett 1138 (PERTH); Along South Western Hwy, NW of Walpole, 11 Sep. 1971, R.Y. Berg RYB 173 A (PERTH); Stewart Road, W of Vasse Highway, 30 Nov. 2000, J.A. Chappill & C.F. Wilkins 6579 (PERTH); Torbay, s.dat., A. Cayzer s.n. (PERTH); NNE of Windy Harbour, 6 Sep. 1995, R.J. Cranfield 10332 (PERTH); Swan River, s.dat., J. Drummond 2: 128 (K); Western foot of Mt Manypeaks, 5 Sep. 1935, C.A. Gardner 3332 (PERTH); W of Denmark, 10 Sep. 1957, R.T. Lange 240, (PERTH); W of St John Brook, 12 Sep. 1957, R.T. Lange 266 (CANB, PERTH); W of Darradup/Vasse Hwy intersection and N of Darradup Road, 21 Jan. 1997, C. McChesney & P. Ellery B 62.11 (PERTH); W of Nicol Road/Thompson Road intersection, N of Nicol, 12 Feb. 1997, C. McChesney & C. Day W 19.7 (PERTH); Rosa Brook, 9 Sep. 1976, G.S. McCutcheon 805 (PERTH); Scott R, E of Augusta, 21 Sep. 1973, E.C. Nelson ANU 17301 (CANB, PERTH); Cowaramup, 30 Oct. 1947, R.D. Royce 2449 (PERTH); Margaret R, 16 Oct. 1954, R.D. Royce 4899 (PERTH); Alexandra Bridge - Manjimup, 17 Aug. 1963, V.E. Sands 638.12.2 (PERTH, SYD); From Walpole towards Shannon, Darling District, 20 Sep. 1983, J. Taylor & P. Ollerenshaw JT 1996 (CANB, PERTH); W of Walpole, 8 Sep. 1965, B.L. Turner 5500 (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Endemic to Western Australia, Eutaxia epacridoides occurs in coastal regions in the south-western corner of Western Australia, from N of Capel to Mt Manypeaks (Figure 3). It is usually found in swampy lowland areas on sandy soil in open woodland or shrubland, and is often associated with Eucalyptus marginata.

Flowering period. August to November.

Conservation status. This species is widespread and not considered to be under threat at this time.

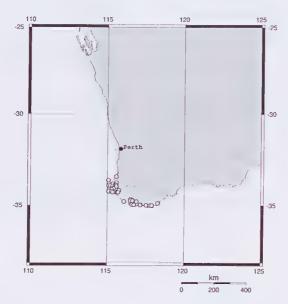


Figure 3. Distribution of *Eutaxia epacridoides* in Western Australia.

Etymology. The epithet epacridoides is in reference to the epacrid-like appearance of this species.

Notes. Eutaxia epacridoides and E. exilis can be easily distinguised from other Eutaxia species by their distinctive, prominently 10–12-ribbed calyx. This species differs from E. exilis by having larger flowers, leaves that are overlapping, dense and generally larger (4.5–18 mm long) and the apex while acute has a blunted apiculus rather than being acuminate.

The flowers are similar in shape to those of E. virgata, but that species has larger (2–3.7 mm long) bracteoles and only five calyx ribs. The very small (c. 1 mm long) subulate bracteoles of E. epacridoides and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and exilis are similar to those of E. exilis and exilis are similar to those of E. exilis

The LD specimen of Preiss 867 has been chosen as the lectotype as suggested by M.D. Crisp (pers. comm. 2009). The labelling on the LD sheet is unambiguous. On the left of the sheet is a specimen that is the most complete (a whole plant including the root), with a full descriptive label including the Preiss number 867 and annotated 'Eutaxia epacridoides nob.' by Meissner. The other specimen (on the right of the sheet) is also fully and clearly labelled, with the number 412. On the NY sheet the left hand specimen has a number 867 on a paper tag slipped over the stem, but the right hand specimen is unlabelled. This will, however, provide an unambiguously labelled isolectotype of 867 in NY (and also a labelled packet).

# 1.3 Eutaxia exilis C.F.Wilkins & G.R.Hend., sp. nov.

E. epacridoides affinis sed internodio longitudine folium superantes, floribus parvioribus et pedicellis brevioribus, apiculo folii acuminato non obtuso differt.

*Typus*: east of Blackwood and Great North Roads, Western Australia [precise locality withheld for conservation reasons], 21 October 1998, *R. Davis* 7689. (holo: PERTH 05139414!).

Eutaxia epacridoides subsp. sparsifolia G.R.Henderson ms, Western Australian Herbarium, in FloraBase, http://florabase.dec.wa.au [accessed 12 Nov. 2008].

Shrub erect to straggling or decumbent, sparsely branched  $0.20-1\times0.15-0.6$  m. Stems red-brown or green, smooth or slightly tuberculate, not spinescent, glabrous. Stipules cream,  $0.1-0.3\times0.1$  mm, rarely absent. Pulvinus 0.2-0.4 mm long. Leaves spreading, opposite and decussate, internode length longer than leaf length, petiole 0.1-0.3 mm long; blade concolorous-mid-green, narrowly elliptic,  $3-12\times0.7-1.2$  mm, not tuberculate, abaxial surface with one prominent central vein and two faint lateral veins at base, both surfaces and margin glabrous; the apex acuminate, straight. Flowers axillary, in pairs or rarely solitary. Bracts in the axil of a vegetative leaf, lanceolate,  $1.4-2.3\times0.4-0.6$  mm. Bracteoles on mid to upper portion of pedicel, brown, subulate,  $0.3-0.9\times0.25-0.3$  mm, both surfaces glabrous, margins with scattered, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.05 mm long. Pedicels recurved or straight, 0.6-1.3 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals  $3.8-4.8\times1.2-2$  mm, glabrous except for margin of calyx lobes. Hypanthium c. 0.3 mm long. Calyx prominently 10-12-ribbed, red-green or pale red-brown without markings, ribs paler red, slightly glossy or dull between ribs; total calyx length 3.8-4.8 mm; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.1-1.5 mm, middle lobe slightly longer,  $2.2-3.3\times0.8-0.9$  mm, lateral lobes  $1.9-2.8\times0.65-0.9$  mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 2.5-2.9 mm, ovate, straight or rarely falcate,  $0.8-1.5\times0.8-1$  mm, the apex acute. Standard claw  $2.2-2.7\times0.5-0.6$  mm; lamina base

truncate, without auricles; lamina yellow-orange with dark red markings surrounding yellow-green eye, lower surface predominantly dark red, elliptic to obovate,  $3.1\text{--}4.6 \times 2.8\text{--}5.1$  mm; emarginate indent 0.5 mm long. *Wings* claw 1.8–2.4 mm long; lamina adaxial spur straight, c. 0.4 mm long; lamina yellow-orange infused with pale pink at the base, straight, oblong,  $3.1\text{--}4.5 \times 0.7\text{--}1.2$  mm, the apex rounded to truncate. *Keel* claw 1.8–2 mm long; lamina orange-red at the apex fading to cream at the base, straight, narrowly triangular,  $4\text{--}4.8 \times 0.8\text{--}1.2$  mm, glabrous, the apex narrow and rounded. *Stamen filaments*  $2.2\text{--}3.7 \times 0.15\text{--}0.3$  mm; *anthers* cream,  $0.25\text{--}0.4 \times 0.2\text{--}0.25$  mm. *Gynoecium* sessile or with stipe to 0.25 mm; *ovary*  $1\text{--}1.1 \times 0.3\text{--}0.5$  mm, with moderately dense, spreading, straight hairs 0.6--0.8 mm long, evenly distributed or more dense towards the apex; *style* hooked towards the apex,  $1.5\text{--}2 \times 0.15\text{--}0.2$  mm, glabrous; *stigma* capitate. *Fruit* compressed, ellipsoid, placental margin slightly curved, non-placental margin strongly curved, immature size  $3.3 \times 1.5$  mm, outer surface with scattered hairs c. 0.7 mm long, mainly towards margins. *Seed* not seen. (Figure 4)

Chromosome number: Unknown.

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: [localities withheld] 23 Sep. 1992, A. Annels 2456 (PERTH); 29 Sep. 2000, R.R. Archer 92 (PERTH); 12 Dec. 1996, N. Casson & P. Ellery 82.2 (PERTH); 11 Dec. 1996, N. Casson, P. Ellery & C. McChesney SC 74.5 (PERTH); 3 Sep. 1997, P.A. Jurjevich 1120 (PERTH); 13 Oct. 1948, R.D. Royce 2797 (PERTH); 23 Oct. 1952, R.D. Royce 3915 (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia exilis has been collected from scattered localities near Harvey, Nannup, Margaret River and near the Blackwood River (Figure 5). It is found in low lying, damp areas on sandy soils, with associated vegetation of very low open woodland, or shrubland.

Flowering period. September to November.

Conservation status. Recently listed as Priority Three under the Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC) Conservation Codes for Western Australian Flora, due to its restricted habitat and distribution.

Etymology. From the Latin exilis (= thin) in reference to the sparse, narrow, leaves present in this species compared with its closest relative E. epacridoides.

*Notes.* Superficially this species resembles *E. virgata* due to the small, sparsely distributed leaves, and it has been mistaken for this species in the past. It can be distinguished by the prominently 10-ribbed calyx, very small bracteoles, long, narrow keel petals and acuminate leaf apices. *Eutaxia epacridoides* can be differentiated from *E. exilis* by its more densely distributed, generally broader leaves, larger flowers and the more blunted leaf apiculus.

Some specimens have been labelled *E. epacridoides* subsp. Whicher Range (R. Davis 7689) but this name is not recorded on *FloraBase*.

The epithet *sparsifolia* was unsuitable for use at species level as *E. sparsifolia* (= *Dillwynia uncinata* (Turcz.) J.Black) was previously described by Mueller in 1855.



Figure 4. Flowering stem of *Eutaxia exilis* (scan of section of holotype PERTH 05139414); scale bar = 1 cm.

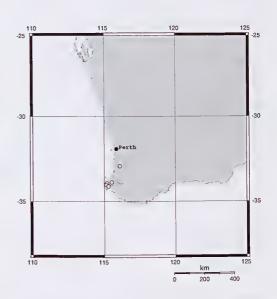


Figure 5. Distribution of Eutaxia exilis in Western Australia.

# 1.4. Eutaxia hirsuta C.F.Wilkins & Chappill, sp. nov.

Caulis et calyx dense pilosus. Species tomento denso in calyce et caulibus a congeneribus diversa.

Typus: Wogarl Reserve, Western Australia [precise locality withheld for conservation reasons], 21 October 2000, A. Gunness, B. Moyle, A. Bellman s.n. (W.A. Wildflower Society) (holo: PERTH 05802644!; iso: CANB!).

Eutaxia neurocalyx (Turcz.) Chappill & G.R. Henderson subsp. hirsuta Chappill & G.R. Henderson ms, Western Australian Herbarium, in FloraBase, http://florabase.dec.wa.au [accessed 12 Nov. 2008]

Shrub erect, sparsely branched, c. 45 cm high, width unknown. Stems red-brown, smooth, not spinescent, with dense, spreading, straight hairs 0.4–0.7 mm long. Stipules absent. Pulvinus 0.4–1 mm long. Leaves closely appressed, alternate, internode length shorter than leaf length; petiole 0.1–0.15 mm long; blade concolorous grey-green, not tuberculate, ovate, 0.7– $3 \times 0.8$ –1.2 mm, abaxial surface 0–3 prominent ribs, margins and both surfaces with dense, spreading, straight hairs 0.5–0.8 mm long, the abaxial surface glabrescent; the apex obtuse and straight. Flowers mostly axillary; solitary or in pairs, and/or with 2–5 flowers with bracts clustered on a 1–2 mm long, leafless, densely hairy flowering stem section towards the apex of branchlets. Bracts similar to floral leaves but shorter, broader and thinner-textured, ovate, 2.5– $3.5 \times 1.8$ –3 mm. Bracteoles on upper portion of pedicel, brown, ovate, 3.5– $4.3 \times 1.2$ –1.8 mm, margin and both surfaces with dense, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.7 mm long. Pedicels straight, 0.6–4.1 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals 4.5– $5.5 \times 2.5$  mm, with

dense, spreading, straight hairs 0.8-1.7 mm long on outer surface and margin of lobes. *Hypanthium* 0.3-0.5 mm long. *Calyx* prominently 25-ribbed, red brown with cream ribs, dull; total calyx length 4.5-5.5 mm long; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 2-2.3 mm,  $3.2-4.3 \times 1-1.6$  mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 4.4-5 mm, ovate, straight or falcate,  $1.2-2.3 \times 0.7-1$  mm, acute. *Standard* claw  $2.5-4.5 \times 0.5-0.7$  mm; lamina base rounded, slightly auriculate; lamina yellow-orange with red markings around yellow eye, red-brown on back, obovate or elliptic,  $6.3-10 \times 7-9.3$  mm long; emarginate indent 0.3-0.6 mm. *Wings* claw 2.5-4 mm long; lamina adaxial spur straight or curved, *c.* 0.4 mm long; lamina yellow, downturned, obovate,  $5.5-7 \times 2.5-2.6$  mm, the apex rounded to truncate. *Keel* claw 2.6-3.5 mm long; lamina deep red at the apex fading to cream at the base, straight, oblong,  $3.9-4.5 \times 1.6-1.8$  mm, glabrous, the apex rounded. *Stamen filaments*  $3.3-6.7 \times 0.25-0.3$  mm; *anthers* cream,  $0.4-0.5 \times 0.3$  mm. *Gynoecium* sessile; *ovary*  $1-1.8 \times 0.4-0.7$  mm, with moderately dense, spreading, straight hairs 0.6-0.8 mm long, evenly distributed or denser towards the apex; *style* hooked towards the apex,  $3.8-4.4 \times 0.3-0.4$  mm, glabrous; *stigma* capitate. *Fruit* and *seed* not seen. (Figure 6)

#### Chromosome number. Unknown

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: [localities withheld] s.dat., E.T. Bailey 266 (PERTH); Sep. 1947, E.T. Bailey 301 (PERTH); 14 Oct. 1968, J.S. Beard 5762 (PERTH); Nov. 1971, W.H. Butler s.n. (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia hirsuta is known only from Muntadgin to north of Hyden (Figure 7). It occurs on sandy, gravelly sand plains in low open heath.

Flowering period. September to November.

Conservation status. Recently listed as Priority Two under DEC Conservation Codes for Western Australian Flora.

Etymology. From the Latin hirsutus (= covered in coarse hairs) referring to the long, dense hairs present on the calyx.

Notes. Eutaxia hirsuta differs from the other species in the densely hairy calyx, stem, bracts and bracteoles. As well as the dense hair difference, E. hirsuta differs from E. neurocalyx in having the standard obovate rather than being ovate, with a longer claw (2.5–4 mm rather than being <2 mm long) and the calyx is longer (5.5–7 mm rather than being 4–5.5 mm long).

Specimens of this species at PERTH have been annotated as *Eutaxia* sp. Wogarl (A. Gunness *et al. s.n.* 21/10/2000) but this phrase name has not been recorded on FloraBase.

# 1.5. Eutaxia inuncta C.F.Wilkins & Chappill, sp. nov.

E. majori affinis sed calyce nitido et foliis latioribus, pagina superiore folii costa ad apice lata facta differt.

*Typus*: West of Esperance, Western Australia [precise locality withheld for conservation reasons], 18 September 2000, *J.A. Chappill, M.D. Crisp & L. Cook* 6474 (holo: PERTH 07831579!; iso: CANB!, MEL!).



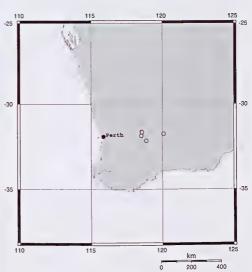


Figure 6. Flowering stem of *Eutaxia hirsuta* (scan of of section of holotype PERTH 05802644); scale bar = 1 cm.

Figure 7. Distribution of *Eutaxia hirsuta* in Western Australia.

Eutaxia neurocalyx (Turcz.) Chappill & G.R. Henderson subsp. major Chappill & G.R. Henderson ms, Western Australian Herbarium, in FloraBase, http://florabase.dec.wa.au [accessed 12 Nov. 2008].

Shrub erect or spreading, sparsely branching  $0.15-1.3\times0.3$  m. Stems red-brown, without tubercles, not spinescent, with dense, spreading, straight hairs, 0.1-0.2 mm long. Stipules mainly absent or inconspicuous, c. 0.1 × 0.1 mm. Pulvinus 0.8-1.5 mm long. Leaves spreading, alternate, internode length shorter than leaf length; petiole 0.15-0.5 mm long; blade mainly concolourous, olive green, or discolorous from abaxial surface with red-brown markings, smooth, ovate or narrowly elliptic, 1.8-10.1 × 0.8–3 mm, abaxial surface 1–3-ribbed, (main rib broadening towards the apex), both surfaces glabrous, margin of new growth with sparse to dense, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.15 mm long; the apex acute or obtuse, straight. Flowers solitary, axillary, with 3-8 clustered towards the apex of branches on a short or elongated flowering section of stem, 1-18 mm long. Bracts similar to floral leaves but broader and thinner-textured, ovate to broadly ovate, 1.5-4.8 × 1.3-4 mm. Bracteoles on pedicel at base of calyx, green or orange-brown, ovate to broadly ovate, 2.5-5 × 1.6-3.6 mm; abaxial surface glabrous; adaxial surface with dense spreading, straight hairs c. 0.1 mm long; margin with sparse, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.1 mm long. Pedicels straight, 0.1-0.3 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals, (4.5–)5–8.5 × 2.5–3.5 mm, glabrous except for margin of lobes. *Hypanthium* 0.4–0.8 mm long. *Calyx* prominently c. 25-ribbed, pale green glossy, soon becoming orange-brown glossy, without markings; total calyx length (4.5-)5-8.5 mm; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.4-2.1 mm, symmetrical, or central lobe slightly longer, 4.6-4.7 × 2-2.5 mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 4.4-5 mm, ovate, straight,  $1.2-1.7 \times 0.9-1.2$  mm, the apex acute. Standard claw  $2.7-3.5 \times 0.5-0.6$  mm; lamina base truncate with small auricles; yellow-orange or orange with basal yellow eye rimmed by red flares, red veins on rear; lamina ovate, or broadly ovate, rarely elliptic, 6.5-9.3 × 7.6-11 mm, emarginate indent 0.6-0.7 mm long. Wings claw 2.5-3 mm long; lamina adaxial spur straight, 0.5-0.8 mm long; lamina dark red base and apical half yellow-orange, straight, or downturned, oblong to obovate,  $6-7.8 \times 2.2-3$  mm; the apex obtuse. *Keel* claw 2-3 mm long; lamina dark red apex, fading to base; straight, oblong,  $3.8-4.8 \times 1.8-2.4$  mm, towards the apex of adaxial margin with scattered hairs c.~0.05 mm long, the apex straight, rounded. *Stamen filaments*  $2.3-5.3 \times 0.1-0.2$  mm; *anthers* white,  $0.4-0.5 \times 0.3-0.4$  mm. *Gynoecium* stipe 0-0.2 mm long; *ovary*  $2.3-4.5 \times 1.3-2.3$  mm, with dense, spreading, straight hairs, c.~0.8 mm long, evenly distributed; *style* hooked towards the apex,  $2.4-3.5 \times 0.25-0.5$  mm, lower half with sparse, spreading, straight hairs c.~0.5 mm long, upper half glabrous; *stigma* capitate. *Fruit* inflated, ellipsoid, placental margin slightly curved, non-placental margin strongly curved,  $5.5-5.7 \times 2.4-2.7$  mm, outer surface with dense, spreading, straight hairs c.~0.8 mm long. *Seeds* brown, ellipsoid,  $c.~1.6 \times 1.4$  mm; aril cream,  $c.~0.8 \times 0.3$  mm. (Figure 8)

Chromosome number. 2n = 14 (vouchers Sands 638.17.7, 638.18.2, cited by Sands, 1975 as Pultenaea neurocalyx).

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: N of Esperance, 16 Oct. 1931, W.E. Blackall & C.A. Gardner 1100 (PERTH); SSE of Kau Rocks, NE of Intersection 3 on Condingup Road, 2 Sep. 1984, M.A. Burgman & C. Layman MAB 3336 (PERTH); E of Styles Road on Norwood Road, 16 Sep. 2000, J.A. Chappill, M.D. Crisp & L. Cook 6444 (PERTH); Gibsons Soak, 16 Sep. 1934, C.A. Gardner s.n. (CANB, PERTH); E of Duke of Orleans Bay Road, 19 Sep. 1976, R.J. Hnatiuk 761043 (PERTH); N of Esperance, 15 Oct. 1998, P.C. Jobson & K.M. Downs 5830 (CANB, NSW, PERTH); NE of Hopetoun, 2 Nov. 1962, M.E. Phillips 24071 (CANB, NSW); N of Esperance, 18 Oct. 1985, E. & S. Pignatti 1172 (PERTH); Cape Le Grand National Park, E of Esperance, 21 Oct. 1969, R.D. Royce 8725 (PERTH); N of Gibson, N of Esperance, near Esperance Plains Research Station, 23 Oct. 1969, R.D. Royce 8850 (PERTH); E of Ravensthorpe, Ravensthorpe to Esperance, 25 Aug. 1963, V.E. Sands 638.18.2 (PERTH, SYD); Daniels Road, Ravensthorpe to Hopetoun, 25 Aug. 1963, V.E. Sands 638.17.7 (PERTH, SYD); E of Scaddan on Styles Road, 11 Sep. 1984, P. van der Moezel PGV 461 (PERTH); W of Esperance, 2 Sep. 1947, J.H. Willis s.n. (MEL, PERTH); E of Ravensthorpe, 2 Sep. 1947, J.H. Willis s.n. (MEL).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia inuncta is found towards the south coast of Western Australia between Ravensthorpe and Cape Arid (Figure 9). It has been collected in low open heath on sandy soil.

Flowering period. August to November.

Conservation status. This species is widespread and is not considered to be under threat at this time.

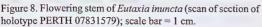
Etymology. From the Latin inunctus (as if oiled), referring to the glossy mature calyx.

Notes. Eutaxia inuncta is similar to E. neurocalyx, E. major, E. hirsuta and E. lutea in having prominently ribbed leaves, bracteoles and calyx. E. inuncta is most similar to E. major but can be distinguished by the hairs usually present on the stems, the calyx that is glossy and red brown between the ribs, and the broader leaves have a central rib on the lower surface that broadens prominently towards the apex.

## 1.6. Eutaxia lasiophylla G.R.Hend., sp. nov.

In margine et superficiebus ambabus folii pilis densis, effusis, rectis 0.15–0.2 mm longis, vel pilis densis solum in pagina adaxialis et in margine; calyx rubro-brunneus glaber; stylus crassus, uncinate; stigma capitatum.





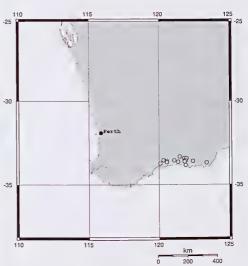


Figure 9. Distribution of *Eutaxia inuncta* in Western Australia.

*Typus*: NW of Southern Cross on Bullfinch Road, Western Australia [precise locality withheld for conservation reasons], 10 September 2000, *J.A. Chappill* 6410 (*holo*: PERTH 07684541!; *iso*: CANB!, K!, NSW!).

Shrub erect, densely branched, 0.1–0.8 × 0.15–0.8 m. Stems red-brown, without tubercles, not spinescent, with dense, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.15 mm long. Stipules absent. Pulvinus 0.2-0.3 mm long. Leaves spreading, opposite and decussate, internode length shorter than leaf length, petiole 0.1-0.25 mm long; blade concolorous, olive green to grey-green, not tuberculate, oblong, or narrowly ovate, (0.8)–2–4.5 × 0.8–1 mm, abaxial surface ribs absent or distinctly 1- or 3-ribbed, both surfaces and margin with dense, spreading, straight hairs 0.15-0.2 mm long, or dense hairs only on adaxial surface and margin; the apex rounded, straight. Flowers axillary, solitary or in pairs. Bracts similar to floral leaves but shorter, broader and thinner-textured, ovate or oblong,  $1.3-2.5 \times 0.6-2$  mm. Bracteoles on pedicel just below calyx, red-brown, rarely green, broadly ovate, 1.5-3 × 1.4-2 mm, glabrous or hairs on adaxial surface c. 0.1 mm long. Pedicels straight, 1-2.5 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals 4.3-8 × 2.5-4 mm, glabrous except for margins of lobes. Hypanthium 0.5-0.7 mm long. Calyx faintly 6-ribbed, red-brown on older or pressed flowers, without markings or rarely with dark red diffuse spots on adaxial lobes, grey-green throughout on fresh young flowers, dull; total calyx length 4-6 mm, three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.6-2.6 mm, equal in length, central lobe slightly wider,  $2.1-2.7 \times 2-2.8$  mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 3.8–4.3 mm, broadly ovate, straight,  $0.5-0.7 \times 2.1$ 1.3–1.6 mm, the apex broadly acute, rarely rounded. Standard claw  $2.7-3.7 \times 0.45-0.8$  mm; base cordate, not auriculate; lamina orange-yellow with red-brown markings in throat and a bright yellow, oblong eye bordered by a broad halo of orange-red to purple-red markings conspicuous on lower surface; lamina broadly ovate or broadly elliptic, 5.4–6.2 × 10–12.2 mm; emarginate indent 0.5–0.6 mm long. Wings claw 2.5-2.8 mm long; lamina adaxial spur curled more or less, 1.5-2 mm long; lamina orangered, fading to orange-yellow at the apex, straight or downturned, oblong,  $6.3-6.8 \times 1.8-2.1$  mm, the apex rounded to truncate. Keel claw 2.2-2.5 mm long; lamina orange-red base, dark red towards the apex, straight, oblong,  $4.7-6 \times 2.3-2.5$  mm, glabrous, the apex rounded to truncate. Stamen filaments  $3.5-5.7 \times 0.2-0.5$  mm; anthers white, c.  $0.4 \times 0.3-0.35$  mm. Gynoecium sessile; ovary  $1.2-1.4 \times 0.5-0.8$  mm, with sparse, spreading, straight hairs, c. 0.3 mm long on upper half or throughout; style hooked towards the apex,  $3.4-4.3 \times 0.3-0.4$  mm, lower half sparsely covered with spreading, straight hairs c. 0.5 mm long; stigma capitate. Fruit and seed not seen. (Figure 10)

Chromosome number 2n = 16 (voucher James 639.1.1; cited as E. microphylla by Sands 1975)

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Bronti plains, just E of Southern Cross, between Southern Cross and Kalgoorlie, 5 Oct. 1931, W.E. Blackall & C.A. Gardner 880 (PERTH); from Moorine Rock toward Perth, along Great Eastern Highway, 10 Sep. 1968, E.M. Canning WA/68 2681 (CANB); W of Bodallin, Sep. 1990, J.A. Chappill 1071 (PERTH); E of Lake O'Connor Road on Hyden-Norseman Road, 20 Sep. 1999, J.A. Chappill 6224 (PERTH); Smythe Road, S of Yerbillon, 8 Sep. 2000, J.A. Chappill, L. Cobb & H. Ngo 6404 (PERTH); E of Carrabin by road, 12 Sep. 1976, R. Coveny & B. Habersley RC 8358 (K, NSW, PERTH); W of Forrestania X-roads, 10 October 2003, G.F. Craig 5895 (PERTH); SW of Bodallin, 16 Sep. 1982, R.J. Cranfield 2450 (PERTH); Flint's Farm NE of Hyden, 12 Sep. 2000, J.M. Flint 212 (PERTH); Bronti, 1 Oct. 1931, C.A. Gardner 2785 (BM, K, PERTH); E of Hyden, 22 Aug. 1998, G.R. Henderson, J.A. Chappill & R. Butcher GRH 2 (PERTH); Between Bullfinch and Southern Cross, 3 Sep. 1963, S.H. James 639.1.1 (PERTH, SYD); Sandplains Nature Reserve 28940, N of Hackling Road, 28 Sep. 1997, G.J. Keighery & N. Gibson 4082 (PERTH); from Southern Cross towards Coolgardie on the Great Eastern Highway, 12 Sep. 1999, A. Monro. G.T. Chandler & S. Donaldson AMM 20 (CANB, PERTH); W of Southern Cross, along Great Eastern Highway, 10 Sep. 1968, M.E. Phillips WA/68 775 (A, CANB, L); Muntadgin, Sep. 1947, T.W. Stone & E.T. Bailey ETB 821 (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia lasiophylla is found in inland areas between Muntadgin, Bronti and Lake Cronin (Figure 11). It has been collected in shrubland on white or yellow sand over laterite.

Flowering period. August to October.

Conservation status. This species is widespread and is not considered to be under threat at this time.

Etymology. From the Greek lasios (= woolly), and phyllon (= leaf) in reference to the hairy leaves present in this species.

Notes. This species bears superficial resemblance to *E. microphylla* due to the small (< 5 mm long) opposite and decussate, spreading leaves but it lacks the distinctive elongate, filiform style and simple stigma of that species, having instead a thick, hooked style and capitate stigma. It differs from *E. hirsuta* in its glabrous rather than being a densely hairy calyx without prominent ribs and differs from *E. neurocalyx* in having opposite and decussate rather than being alternate leaves, persistent hairs on the adaxial or both surfaces of the leaf and on the margin, rather than being just on the margin, and in having larger flowers. Specimens collected in northern areas, between Merredin and Southern Cross, have hairs covering the leaves, while specimens collected around Forrestania, east of Hyden, have hairs only on the adaxial surface.

Specimens of this species held at PERTH have been determined as *Eutaxia* sp. Carrabin (R. Coveny & B. Habersley 8358) but this name has not been recorded on FloraBase.

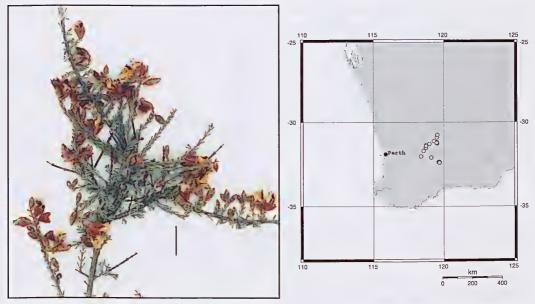


Figure 10. Flowering stem of *Eutaxia lasiophylla* (scan of section of holotype PERTH 07684541); scale bar = 1 cm.

Figure 11. Distribution of *Eutaxia lasiophylla* in Western Australia.

## 1.7. Eutaxia lutea Chappill & G.R.Hend., sp. nov.

E. neurocalyx affinis sed corolla lutea non carina rubra differt.

*Typus*: Cascades Road, towards Lake King from West Point Road, Western Australia, 19 September 1999, *G.T. Chandler, A. Monro & S. Donaldson* 932 (*holo*: PERTH 05916852!; *iso*: AD, CANB, MEL, NSW).

Shrub erect or spreading, densely branching, 0.2-0.6 × 0.2-0.5 m. Stems pale brown, without tubercles, not spinescent, covered in dense, spreading, minute, straight, white hairs c. 0.05 mm long, becoming glabrous at maturity. Stipules absent. Pulvinus 0.2-0.3 mm long. Leaves appressed, alternate or opposite and decussate, internode length shorter than leaf length, petiole 0-0.1 mm long; blade concolourous, grey-green, or abaxial surface slightly darker, red-brown diffused, smooth or rarely tuberculate, ovate to linear, 0.6-4 × 0.6-1.6 mm, abaxial surface ribs 1-3 or not visible, blade glabrous, or apical third of abaxial surface and margin with moderately dense, spreading, straight or wavy hairs c. 0.1 mm long; the apex obtuse. Flowers near apex of stem, axillary, solitary or rarely two per leaf axil. Bracts similar to floral leaves but shorter, broader and thinner-textured, ovate,  $1.8-3.5 \times 1-2.6$  mm. Bracteoles at base of calyx, green or red-green, ovate, 2.5-4 × 1.1-2.6 mm, glabrous, or abaxial surface and margins with scattered, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.15 mm. Pedicels straight, 0-0.25 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals, 3-4.5 × 1.7-2.5 mm, outer surface glabrous except for lobe margins or rarely with scattered, white hairs to 0.2 mm long on upper third of lobe. Hypanthium 0.4-0.6 mm long. Calyx prominently 15-25-ribbed, red-brown, without markings, dull or rarely glossy, total length 3-4.5 mm; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.3-1.7 mm, middle abaxial lobe  $2.6-2.7 \times 1.4-1.5$  mm, lateral lobes  $2.3 \times 1.2-1.3$  mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 2-2.9 mm, ovate, straight,  $0.8-1.3 \times 0.8-1.3$  mm, the apex acute. Standard claw  $1.8-2.3 \times 0.4-0.6$  mm; lamina base rounded, auricles absent; lamina yellow-orange with red flare or pale pink tinge in throat; lamina elliptic,  $4-5.5 \times 4.8-6.1$  mm, emarginate indent 0.2-0.3 mm. *Wings* claw 1.7-2.1 mm long; lamina adaxial spur straight, 0.3-1.1 mm; lamina yellow-orange, base with tinge of pink, straight, oblong to slightly obovate,  $3.5-4.6 \times 1.3-1.9$  mm, the apex obtuse. *Keel* claw 1.4-2.1 mm long; lamina yellow-orange, base with tinge of pink, straight, oblong,  $3.5-4.7 \times 1.5-2.3$  mm, glabrous, the apex obtuse. *Stamen filaments*  $2-4.7 \times 0.25-0.3$  mm; *anthers* cream to yellow,  $0.3-0.5 \times 0.2-0.4$  mm. *Gynoecium* sessile; *ovary*  $0.9-1.7 \times 0.35-0.7$  mm, with dense, spreading, straight hairs, c.0.5 mm long evenly distributed; *style* hooked towards apex,  $1.9-2.8 \times 0.2-0.25$  mm, lower third with sparse, spreading, straight hairs c.0.2 mm long, glabrous above; *stigma* capitate. *Fruit* inflated, placental margin slightly curved, non-placental margin strongly curved, (immature)  $c.3.3 \times 2$  mm, outer surface with dense, appressed, white hairs throughout, to 0.2 mm long. *Seeds* not seen. (Figure 12)

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: NW of Mt Heywood, 16 Oct. 1970, T.E.H. Aplin 4132 (NSW, PERTH); Sparkle Hill, W of Mt Ragged, 18 Oct. 1970, T.E.H. Aplin 4259 (MEL, PERTH); S of Truslove, N of Esperance), 15 Oct. 1931, W.E. Blackall 1044 (PERTH); Gravel pit, WNW of Bald Rock, 2 Oct. 1983, M.A. Burgman & S. McNee MAB 2647 (PERTH); E of Muckinwobert Rock, 3 Oct. 1983, M.A. Burgman & S. McNee MAB 2690 (PERTH); NW of Munglinup, 7 Nov. 1998, J.A. Chappill & R. Butcher JAC 6100 (PERTH); E of Salmon Gums, 28 Oct. 1999, J.A. Chappill & C.F. Wilkins JAC 6273 (PERTH); W of Lort River, 29 Oct. 1999, J.A. Chappill & C.F. Wilkins JAC 6305 (PERTH); Fields Road, N of Bishop's Road, 29 Oct. 1999, J.A. Chappill & C.F. Wilkins JAC 6306 (PERTH); E of Wittenoom Road on Greens Road, S of Mt Burdett, 25 Sep. 1992, G.F. Craig GFC 2238 (ESP, GFC, PERTH); NNW of Young River crossing on Ravensthorpe-Esperance main road, 15 Oct. 1968, E.N. Jackson 1425 (AD, PERTH); Truslove Road, E of Cox Road, E of Truslove, 6 Nov. 1992, T.D. Macfarlane & H.R. White TDM 2130 (CANB, PERTH); S of Peak Charles, 9 Nov. 1979, K.R. Newbey 6426 (PERTH); S of Scaddan, N of Esperance, 23 Oct. 1969, R.D. Royce 8864 (NSW, PERTH); NE of Scaddan on Cox Road, 16 Oct. 1982, P. van der Moezel PGV 206 (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia lutea is known from Peak Charles north-east of Ravensthorpe to Sparkle Hill, west of Mt Ragged (Figure 13), in shrubland or mallee woodland, on deep white or grey sand, brown gravelly clay, or white, grey or brown sandy clay over limestone.

Flowering period. September to November.

Conservation status. This species is widespread and not considered to be under threat at this time.

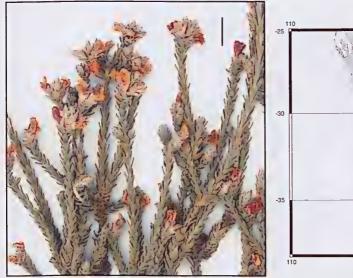
Etymology. From the Latin lutea (= yellow) in reference to the all yellow-orange corolla of this species.

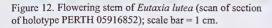
Notes. Eutaxia lutea differs from E. neurocalyx in having an all yellow-orange corolla without a red keel.

Specimens of this species held at PERTH have been determined as *Eutaxia* sp. Cascades Road (G.T. Chandler *et al.* 932), but this name has not been recorded on Western Australian Herbarium in *FloraBase*.

# 1.8. Eutaxia major (Benth.) C.F.Wilkins & Chappill, stat. nov.

Pultenaea neurocalyx Turcz. var. major Benth., Fl. Austral. 2: 130 (Oct. 1864). Type citation: 'Phillips Ranges, Mount Bland, Robertson's Brook, etc., Maxwell.' Lecto, here designated: Around a spring





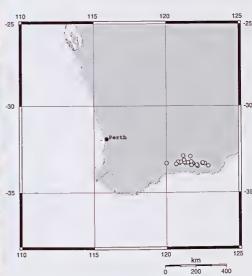


Figure 13. Distribution of *Eutaxia lutea* in Western Australia.

near the base of the south side of Mount Bland, [Western Australia], s. dat., G. Maxwell s.n. (MEL 35245!). Paralecto: Phillips Ranges, s. dat., G. Maxwell s.n. (?K, central specimen (image PERTH!); MEL 1519200!). Robertson's Brook, s. dat., G. Maxwell s.n., (MEL 625017!) [= E. inuncta].

Eutaxia neurocalyx (Turcz.) Chappill & G.R. Henderson subsp. leptophylla Chappill & G.R. Henderson ms, Western Australian Herbarium, in *FloraBase*, http://florabase.dec.wa.au [accessed 12 November 2008].

Shrub erect, spindly, sparsely branching,  $0.2-1 \times 0.2-1$  m. Stems green or pale red, with cream ribs, without tubercles, not spinescent, glabrous (flowering section of stem glabrous or with dense, spreading, straight hairs 0.05–0.4 mm long). Stipules absent or rarely cream, c. 0.1 × 0.1 mm. Pulvinus 0.5–1.0 mm long. Leaves appressed or spreading, alternate or rarely opposite, internode length shorter than leaf length; petiole 0.1-0.3 mm long; blade concolourous, pale grey-green, mainly narrowly elliptic, linear, or ovate, 1.3-9 × 0.4-1.2 mm, smooth, abaxial surface distinctly 1-3-ribbed, both surfaces glabrous, margins of young leaves with or without sparse, spreading, straight hairs 0.05-0.1 mm long, the apex acute or rounded, straight. Flowers 2-7 in short terminal cluster, or on an elongated flowering section of the stem, 2-12 mm long. Bracts similar to floral leaf but shorter, broader and thinner-textured, broadly ovate to ovate, 1.5-5 × 1.4-2.6 mm. Bracteoles on pedicel, at base of calyx, pale green or red with cream margins, broadly ovate or ovate, 1.8-2.3 × 1-2 mm, both surfaces glabrous, margin glabrous or with dense, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.2 mm long. Pedicels straight, 0.2-0.8 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals, 5-8.3 × 1.8-2.5, glabrous except for margin of lobes. Hypanthium 0.4-0.5 mm long. Calyx prominently 25-nerved, dappled red markings and cream or pale green ribs, dull; total length 5-8.3 mm long; three abaxial lobes fused at base 1.8-2.8 mm, equal length or central lobe slightly longer, 2.6-4 × 1.5-2 mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 3.2-5.1 mm, ovate, straight,  $0.9-1.7 \times 0.9-1.2$  mm, the apex acute. Standard claw  $2.5-3.2 \times 0.5-1$  mm; lamina base cordate, auriculate or non auriculate; lamina orange-yellow with dark red markings around a triangular, yellow-orange eye; broadly elliptic, or broadly ovate, 6–9 × 8–11.2 mm, emarginate indent 0.2–0.8 mm long. Wings claw 1.8–3 mm long; lamina adaxial spur straight, 0.4-0.5 mm long; lamina base red, apical 2/3 orange-yellow, straight or downturned, obovate, 5.5–8 × 1.8–3 mm, the apex rounded. Keel claw 1.8–2.8 mm long; lamina deep orange-red throughout, straight, oblong, 3.6–4.9 × 2–2.2 mm, glabrous, the apex rounded. Stamen filaments 3–5.8 × 0.15–0.2 mm; anthers cream, 0.4–0.5 × 0.3–0.35 mm. Gynoecium stipe 0.15–0.2 mm long; ovary 1.3–1.8 × 0.5–0.7 mm, with dense, spreading, straight hairs, c. 0.6 mm long, evenly distributed; style hooked just below the apex, 2.9–3.9 × 0.2–0.5 mm, with scattered to dense hairs at base, glabrous above; stigma capitate. Fruit inflated, placental margin slightly curved, non-placental margin strongly curved, 4.3–4.8 × 2.5–3 mm, outer surface with medium density, spreading, straight, white hairs 0.4–0.8 mm long. Seeds not seen.

#### Chromosome number. Unknown.

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: SW of Clyde Hill, 18 Oct. 1970, T.E.H. Aplin 4284 (MEL, PERTH); NE of Mt Heywood, 2 Oct. 1995, W.R. Archer 2109516 (AD, CANB, HO, MEL, PERTH); West Mt Barren, 16 Oct. 1928, W.E. Blackall & C.A. Gardner 2210 (PERTH); Maxwell's lookout, Fitgerald River National Park, 13 Oct. 1990, J.A. Chappill 1506 (PERTH); Near Kau Nature Reserve, NW of Orleans Bay Road-Fisheries Road intersection, 29 Oct. 1999, J.A. Chappill & C.F. Wilkins 6283 (PERTH); East Mt Barren, 17 Oct. 1983, M.G. Corrick 8762 (MEL, PERTH); NE of Condingup, 10 Oct. 1992, G. F. Craig 2317 (PERTH); N of Fisheries Road ESE of Howick, 18 Sep. 1968, N.N. Donner 2614 (AD, CANB, K, PERTH); Fitzgerald River National Park, N of Ouaalup homestead, 19 Oct. 1991, W. Greuter 22971 (PERTH); Rubbish tip area of Hopetoun and power line track E of Raventhorpe / Hopetoun Road, 25 Oct. 1994, E.D. Kabay 908 (PERTH); E along road to Bremer Bay from junction with Gairdner South Road, 12 Oct. 1988, T.D. Macfarlane TDM 1848 (PERTH); W of Hopetoun, Sep. 2000, M. MacMahon 33 (BRI, PERTH); Western Australia, s.dat., Maxim s.n. (NSW); W. Australia, s.dat., F. von Mueller s.n. (P); East Mount Barren, WNW of Hopetoun, 4 Oct. 1966, T.B. Muir 4178 (MEL); NW of Mt Bland, 23 Sep. 1962, K.R. Newbey 492 (PERTH); Fitzgerald River National Park, 24 Oct. 1970, R.D. Royce 9303 (PERTH); lower slopes of East Mount Barren, Hamersley Drive, 12 Sep. 1983, J. Taylor & P. Ollerenshaw JT 1718 (CANB, PERTH); N of Hopetoun, 13 Aug. 1982, C.E. Woolcock 5a (PERTH); Cape Arid, 21 Sep. 1982, C.E. Woolcock 5d (PERTH); Swamp Road, Bremer Bay, 15 Sep. 1982, C.E. Woolcock 5e (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia major is found in Western Australia between Bremer Bay and Cape Arid (Figure 14). It has been collected in open woodland, shrubland or heathland on sandy soil. It is often associated with Banksia species.

Flowering period. July to November.

Conservation status. This species is widespread and is not considered to be under threat at this time.

Etymology. From the Latin major (= greater), applied by Bentham with reference to the larger flowers and calyx when compared to E. neurocalyx.

Notes. Eutaxia major and E. inuncta are distinguished from E. neurocalyx in having larger flowers (calyx 5–8.3 mm long). The leaves of E. major, while more slender, are similar in shape to those of E. inuncta, but E. major can be distinguished by having a calyx that is dull dappled red or green with cream ribs rather than being glossy and red-brown throughout, and in the leaf rib on the lower surface being the same width throughout, rather than being much wider towards the apex.

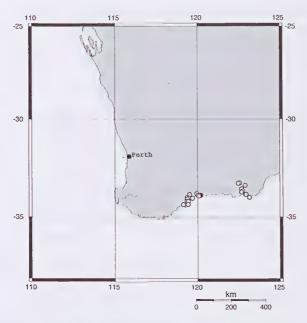


Figure 14. Distribution of Eutaxia major in Western Australia.

MEL 35245 has been chosen as the lectotype as it was viewed by Bentham, matches the type description, and has the definite locality of Mt Bland (around a spring near the base of the S side of Mt Bland), rather than the the broadly defined Phillips Range, or a Maxwell collection from no stated locality. The collection from Robertson's Brook (MEL 625017) is referable to *E. inuncta*. A specimen at Kew (image seen; PERTH 01025325) collected by Maxwell and labelled as from 'Phillips Range etc.' appears to be a mixed collection of *E. inuncta* on the lateral specimens and a possible paralectotype of *E. major* as the central specimen. It is, however, impossible to verify this from the poor quality photo.

Eutaxia baxteri was described from horticultural material and a type specimen has not been located. The illustration has therefore been chosen as the lectotype.

The epithet *leptophylla*, as used by Chappill and Henderson in the manuscript name *E. neurocalyx* subsp. *leptophylla*, is unavailable at species rank as it is pre-occupied by *Eutaxia leptophylla* Turcz.

**1.9. Eutaxia myrtifolia** (Sm.) R.Br., in Aiton, *Hort. Kewensis* ed 2, 3: 16 (Oct.-Nov. 1811). *Dillwynia myrtifolia* Sm., *Trans. Linn. Soc.* 9: 263 (1808). *Type citation*: '...found by Mr. Menzies at King George's Sound...I have not seen the fruit.' (*holo*: LINN; *iso*: BM 550742!).

Eutaxia myrtifolia (Sm.) R.Br. var. angustifolia Meisn., in Lehm., Pl. Preiss. 2: 216 (Aug. 1848). Type citation: 'Swan River, coll. II. No. 110.' [Western Australia, 1842, J. Drummond 2: 110] (lecto, here designated: BM 550738!; isolecto: CGE, G!, LD, MEL, P!, NSW).

Dillwynia obovata Labill., Nov. Holl. Spec. Plant. 1: 110, t. 140 (Dec. 1805), nom. illeg., non Turcz. (1853); Eutaxia obovata (Labill.) C.A.Gardner, Enum. Plant. Aust. Occ.: 61 (July 1930). Type citation: 'HABITAT in terra Van-Leuwin.' [Western Australia] (holo: FI-W; iso: B, BM550741!, FI-W, G!, LINN, P!).

Eutaxia baxteri Knowles & Westc., Floral Cab. 1: 89, t. 43 (Feb. 1838). Type citation. 'Our drawing was taken from a plant in the collection of the Birmingham Botanical and Horticultural Society...a native of New Holland, and was probably raised by Mr. Knight from Mr. Baxter's last importation of seeds in 1830.' (lecto, here designated: [icon] Floral Cab. 1: t. 43).

Shrub erect or rarely prostrate, densely branching 0.5-2.5 × 0.35 m. Stems red-brown or green with red tubercles, cream ribbed, not spinescent, glabrous or rarely with sparse, spreading, straight hairs 0.01-0.05 mm long. Stipules cream, 0.15-0.4 × 0.1-0.3mm. Pulvinus 0.3-0.8 mm long. Leaves spreading, opposite and decussate, internode length shorter than leaf length; petiole 0.2–1.7 mm long; blade concolorous mid-green, or discolorous with abaxial surface red-brown or purple, not tuberculate, obovate, 4.5-21(-27) × 2-6 mm, abaxial surface with one prominent central rib, often one major and two minor, lateral ribs, both surfaces and margin glabrous; the apex acute to acuminate and straight. Flowers axillary, 1 or 2 flowers. Bracts in the axil of a vegetative leaf, ovate,  $0.4-1.3 \times 0.3-0.7$  mm. Bracteoles positioned c. halfway down the pedicel, green or brown, ovate, 0.4-1 × 0.35-0.7 mm, glabrous or towards the apex or margin with scattered, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.01 mm long. Pedicels straight, 2-4.8 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals, 3-5 × 1.8-2.5 mm, glabrous except for margins of lobes. Hypanthium 0.5-0.8 mm long. Calyx inconspicuously 6-ribbed, mid-green without markings or green tube and red markings on lobes, dull; total calyx length 3-5 mm long; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.6-2.2 mm, equal length and width, 1.3-2.4 × 0.9-1.2 mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 3.6–4.3 mm, broadly ovate, falcate,  $0.3-0.5 \times 0.9-1.4$  mm, the apex obtuse. Standard claw 2.2–2.9 × 0.35–0.7 mm; lamina base truncate, auriculate; lamina orange-yellow with a greenish-yellow, ovate eye bordered with a broad halo of red and conspicuous dark red veins absent or present; lamina broadly ovate, 5.8–7.3 × 7.7–9 mm, glabrous, emarginate indent 0.4–0.6 mm long. Wings claw 2.5-3 mm long; lamina adaxial spur straight or curved, 0.3-1 mm long; lamina orangeyellow, darker orange-red towards the base, downturned, slightly obovate, 5.4-6 × 1.2-1.9 mm, the apex obtuse to truncate. Keel claw 2-2.4 mm long; lamina red, straight, oblong, 4.3-5.2 × 1.5-2.2 mm, glabrous, the apex somewhat acute. Stamen filaments  $3-5.3 \times 0.25-0.4$  mm; anthers cream,  $0.3-0.4 \times 0.25-0.4$ 0.2–0.3 mm. Gynoecium sessile; ovary 1.3–1.5 × 0.5–0.6 mm, upper half with moderately dense, spreading, straight hairs, c. 0.8 mm long, lower half with shorter, appressed hairs; style hooked towards the apex,  $2.9-3.4 \times 0.25-0.3$  mm, base with scattered white hairs to 0.3 mm long, apical 2/3 glabrous; stigma capitate. Fruit compressed, placental margin slightly curved, non-placental margin strongly curved,  $5-6 \times 3-4.8$  mm, outer surface with sparse, spreading, wavy hairs c. 0.5 mm long. Seeds black, ellipsoid,  $1.4-2.1 \times 1.1-1.4$  mm; aril cream, c.  $1 \times 0.7$  mm.

#### Chromosome number. Unknown.

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Walpole - Nornalup National Park, Ficifolia Road, 19 Nov. 1987, A.R. Annels 2235 (PERTH); Mt Manypeaks, Albany E, 4 Oct. 1994, S. Barrett 25 (PERTH); North Twin Peak Island, Recherche Archipelago, 24 May 1972, M.I.H. Brooker 3679 (PERTH); Porongorups Scenic Drive, E of Narikup Road, 15 Dec. 1990, J.A. Chappill & C.F. Wilkins JAC 1370 (PERTH); Walk trail Cape le Grande to Hellfire Bay, 15 Dec. 1990, J.A. Chappill & C.F. Wilkins JAC 1870 (PERTH); Cape Leeuwin, Jan. 1956, D. Churchill 17 (PERTH); Water Catchment Reserve, off Bettys Beach Road, Albany E, 11 Aug. 1984, E.J. Croxford 3382 (PERTH); NNW Northcliffe, 12 Mar. 1997, R. Davis 2820 (PERTH); Willyung Hill, N of Albany, 23 Sep. 1984, D.B. Foreman 834 (CANB, MEL, PERTH); Yallingup, 22 Sep. 1940, C.A. Gardner s.n. (PERTH); S of Milyeannup Coast Road, NE of intersection with Roberts Road, 25 Oct. 1990, N. Gibson & M. Lyons 979 (PERTH); Torbay Head area, West Cape Howe National Park, 25 May 1991, N.Gibson & M. Lyons 664 (PERTH); Hassell Beach, S of southern end of beach (Cheynes Beach), 22 Aug. 1979, L. Haegi 1851 (K, NSW, PERTH); N along Gardiner River Road from Chesapeake Road, 18 Mar. 1997, K. Kershaw & C. Day

P 91.6 (PERTH); Mt Elphinstone, Albany W, 4 Oct. 1986, *M.E. Nash s.n.* (PERTH); SW of East Mt Barren, Fitzgerald River National Park, 2 Nov. 1976, *K.R. Newbey* 4912 (PERTH); High Island in the Duke of Orleans Bay, 20 Oct. 1985, *E. & S. Pignatti* 1248 (CANB, PERTH); Dunsborough, 16 Oct. 1949, *R.D. Royce* 3171 (PERTH); At Tagon Harbour, Cape Arid National Park, E of Esperance, 3 Dec. 1971, *R.D. Royce* 10042 (PERTH); Karridale, 24 Oct. 1953, *R.D. Royce* 4673 (PERTH); Frenchman Bay, SE of Albany, 8 Sep. 1967, *P.G. Wilson* 6244 (CANB, PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Endemic to the south-west of Western Australia, *E. myrtifolia* has been collected from coastal regions and islands off the coast between Cape Naturaliste and Cape Arid. Collections at PERTH said to be from Kenwick (*Meebold* 11655) and Ongerup (*Hassell s.n.*), and from MEL said to be from Pinjarra (*Mueller s.n.*) have not been verified. There are no records from the Stirling Range although it is common in the Porongorup Range (Figure 15). This species has been collected from heath, shrubland and open woodland on clay, loam or commonly sand over granite. Associated species include *Eucalyptus patens*, *E. marginata*, *E. megacarpa*, *Corymbia calophylla*, *Agonis flexuosa* and *A. parviceps*.

Flowering period. April to November.

Conservation status. This species is widespread and not considered to be under threat at this time.

Etymology. The specific epithet refers to the myrtle-like leaves present in this species.

Notes. This species has a strong resemblance to E. cuneata, sharing with this species the distinctive

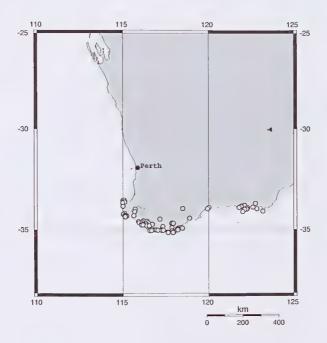


Figure 15. Distribution of Eutaxia myrtifolia in Western Australia.

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truncate adaxial calyx lip and small (c. 1 mm long), ovate bracteoles positioned towards the middle of the pedicels. The two species can be differentiated by their leaf forms. Although *E. myrtifolia* exhibits a range of leaf densities and shapes, they are always more or less obovate with a distinct acute or acuminate apex. Specimens from coastal areas tend to have broader, upward-pointed leaves, while those from forest areas tend to have narrower, outspread leaves.

BM 550738, from Shuttleworth's Herbarium, is selected as the lectotype of *E. myrtifolia* (Sm.) R.Br. var. *angustifolia* Meisn. as it is annotated by Meissner, unlike duplicates of this collection at CGE and LD (M.D. Crisp pers. comm. 2009). Meissner is known to have accessed collections by James Drummond in Shuttleworth's Herbarium (Crisp 1983). There is another specimen on BM 550738 (bottom RH corner) collected by Gilbert and not annotated by Meissner.

The original description of *E. baxteri* was based on a plant grown from seed thought to have been collected by William Baxter. A type specimen has not been located and so the illustration is chosen as a suitable lectotype.

# 1.10. Eutaxia neurocalyx (Turcz.) Chappill & G.R.Hend., comb. nov.

Pultenaea neurocalyx Turcz., Bull. Soc. Imp. Naturalistes Moscou 26 (1): 281 (1853). Type citation: 'Drum. coll. V: 63' [Western Australia, 1847–1849, J. Drummond 5: 63] (holo: KW; iso: G! K, MEL 35248!, P!, PERTH 01026267!, 01025864!).

Shrub erect or spreading, sparsely branching, 0.2-0.5 × 0.2-1 m. Stems without tubercles, pale brown with dense, spreading or appressed, straight, wavy, or papillose, hairs, 0.05-0.5 mm long, not spinescent. Stipules absent. Pulvinus 0.2-0.7 mm long. Leaves spreading or appressed to stem, alternate, rarely opposite and decussate, internode length shorter than leaf length; petiole 0.05-0.2 mm long; blade ovate, not tuberculate, concolourous olive green or grey green, or slightly discolorous with abaxial surface slightly darker, without purple markings,  $0.8-2.5(-4)\times0.7-1(-1.5)$  mm, abaxial surface distinctly, ribs absent or 1-3, both surfaces glabrous, margins of new growth with sparse to dense, spreading, straight hairs 0.1-0.3 mm long, the apex obtuse, straight. Flowers axillary, solitary or paired, or with 2-7 flowers clustered together towards the apex of branchlet on a compressed or elongate flowering section of the stem 2-5 mm long. Bracts similar to floral leaf but shorter and often broader and thinner-textured, ovate,  $1.3-3 \times 0.8-1.8$  mm. Bracteoles at base of callyx, ovatelanceolate, 1.3-3 × 0.8-2 mm, green becoming orange-brown, margin with sparse, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.1 mm long. Pedicels straight, 0.1-0.3 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals 3.6-5 × 1.8-2.5 mm, glabrous, except for hairs on margin of lobes. Hypanthium 0.4-0.7 mm long. Calyx prominently15-25-ribbed, green becoming orange-brown without markings, matt or glossy; total length 3.6-5 mm long; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1-2.2 mm, equal length and equal width, or central slightly wider than laterals,  $2.2-3.8 \times 1-1.5$  mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 2.5-3.7mm, straight,  $0.8-1.2 \times 0.6-1$  mm, the apex acute. Standard claw  $1.8-3.5 \times 0.4-0.8$  mm; lamina base truncate to slightly cordate, auriculate or auricles absent; lamina yellow-orange, basal eye ovate, yellowgreen, bordered by a halo of dark red veins conspicuous on rear, broadly ovate, 5.5–8 × 6.1–10 mm; emarginate indent 0.1–0.5 mm long. Wings claw 1.8–3 mm long; lamina adaxial spur distinctly hooked, or straight, 0.5-1.3 mm long; lamina yellow-orange, infused with red at the base, downturned, slightly obovate, 4.3-6.5 × 1.2-2.1 mm, the apex rounded to truncate. Keel claw1.5-2.7 mm long; lamina orange or red, fading towards the base, oblong, 3-4.2 × 1.3-1.9 mm, adaxial margin glabrous or with scattered to medium density hairs to 0.05 mm long, the apex obtuse. Stamen filaments  $1.8-5 \times 0.15-0.4$ mm; anthers pale cream,  $0.3-0.5 \times 0.25-0.3$  mm. Gynoecium stipe 0.1-0.3 mm long; ovary 1.5-1.8 $\times$  0.6–0.7 mm, with dense, spreading, straight hairs, c. 0.6 mm long, evenly distributed; style hooked towards the apex,  $1.8-3 \times 0.25-0.35$  mm, lower half with sparse, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.5 mm long, upper half glabrous; stigma capitate. Fruit inflated, ellipsoid, placental margin slightly curved, non-placental margin strongly curved,  $3-4 \times 2.4-2.5$  mm, outer surface covered with straight, dense, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.8 mm long. Seeds immature.

Chromosome number. Unknown.

Etymology. From the Greek neuron (= nerve) and calyx, in reference to the prominently ribbed calyx present in this species.

## 1.10.a. Eutaxia neurocalyx subsp. neurocalyx

Leaves spreading, longer than other subspecies, 1.5–3 (4) mm long; keel adaxial margin glabrous, stem with dense, curly or straight hairs c. 0.5 mm long.

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Boolanelling Nature Reserve, 3 Sep. 1998, E. Bennett BO 6.38 (PERTH); S of Harrismith in Toolibin catchment, 23 Nov. 1999, E. Bennett & T. Sleep 4.010 A (PERTH); Nature Reserve no. 36598, SSW Kulin on Grays Road, 8 Oct. 1984, J.M. Brown 135 (PERTH); E of Forrestania crossroads on road to Norseman, 17 Oct. 1984, J.M. Brown 165 (PERTH); E of Williams Road, Quairading area, 4 Nov. 1998, J.A. Chappill & R. Butcher 6048 (PERTH); Holden Road off Tarin Rock Road W, 23 Oct. 1986, E.J. Croxford 5324 (PERTH); Gravel Reserve, near Kulin Road turnoff, Harrismith-Lake Grace Road, 21 Oct. 1986, E.J. Croxford 5340 (PERTH); Lukin's property, SE of Kukerin, 14 Oct. 2003, J. Gray 158 (PERTH); NE of Mt Barberton on North Woogenilup Road to South Stirlings, 26 Oct. 1985, G.J. Keighery 7315 (AD, CANB, PERTH); South Stirling Nature Reserve, 24 Oct. 1991, G.J. Keighery 12582 (PERTH); WNW of Chillinup Pool, 17 Sep. 1974, K.R. Newbey 4378 (PERTH); E of Lake Grace township, 25 Sep. 1983, J. Taylor & P. Ollerenshaw 2262 (MEL).

Distribution and habitat. This subspecies occurs in Western Australia from Harrismith to east of Forrestania and south to Chillinup Pool and South Stirling Ranges (Figure 16). It is found in mallee heath or *Allocasuarina* shrubland, in yellow or grey sand over clay, or brown sandy gravel soil over laterite.

Flowering period. September to November.

Conservation status. This subspecies is widespread and has no special conservation needs at this time.

*Notes.* Differs from *E. neurocalyx* subsp. *nacta* and *E. neurocalyx* subsp. *papillosa* in having spreading rather than having appressed leaves that are mostly longer and with more incurved margins, and in having a glabrous keel.

## **1.10.b.** Eutaxia neurocalyx subsp. nacta C.F.Wilkins, subsp. nov.

Caulis pilis densis ad 0.4 mm longis; folia parva, ad caulem appressa, margo adaxialis carinae pilis albis ad 0.1 mm longis ornatus.

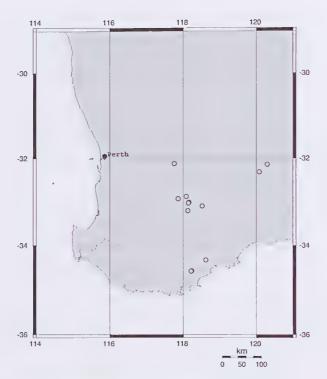


Figure 16. Distribution of *Eutaxia neurocalyx* subsp. *neurocalyx* in Western Australia.

*Typus*: south-south-west of Queen Victoria Rocks, Western Australia [precise locality withheld for conservation reasons], 24 September 1993, *G.J. Keighery* 12,976 (*holo*: PERTH 04187415; *iso*: CANB).

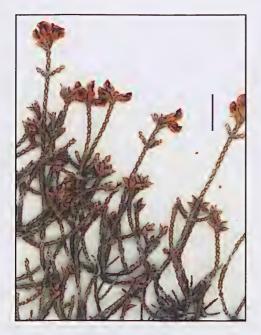
Stem with dense hairs to 0.4 mm long; leaves small (< 1.5 mm long) and appressed close to stem, keel adaxial margin with white hairs to 0.1 mm long. (Figure 17)

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: [localities withheld] 11 Sep. 1962, T.E.H. Aplin 1962 (PERTH); Nov. 1971, W.H. Butler s.n. (PERTH); 15 Sep. 1999, G.T. Chandler, A. Monro & S. Donaldson GTC 879 (CANB, PERTH); Sep. 1934, C.A. Gardner s.n. (BM, K, PERTH); 7 May 1992, A.S. George 16936 (CANB, PERTH); 25 Oct. 1978, T.F. Houston 210-6 (PERTH); 1892, E. Merrall s.n. (MEL); 7 Dec. 1987, J. Pierce 463 (PERTH); 8 Sep. 1976, T. & J. Whaite 4074 (NSW).

Distribution and habitat. This subspecies is distributed from Karalee, east of Southern Cross to McDermid Rock which is N of the Bremer Range (Figure 18). It is found in *Callitris preissii* tall open shrubland, and *Allocasuarina* heath with scattered mallee and *Acacia*, in flat plains of deep yellow-red loamy sand, yellow sand or gravelly sand.

Flowering period. May to November.

Conservation status. Recently listed as Priority Three under DEC Conservation Codes for Western Australian Flora.



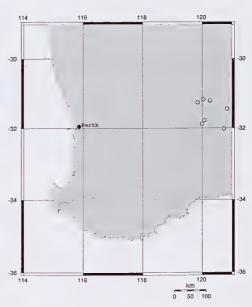


Figure 17. Flowering stem of *Eutaxia neurocalyx* subsp. *nacta* (scan of section of holotype PERTH 04187415); scale bar = 1 cm.

Figure 18. Distribution of *Eutaxia neurocalyx* subsp. *nacta* in Western Australia.

Etymology. From the Greek naktos (= pressed close) in reference to the closely appressed leaves present in this subspecies.

*Notes.* This subspecies is similar to *E. neurocalyx* subsp. *papillosa* in having small, ovate, appressed leaves and keel marginal hairs, but differs in having woolly hairs covering the stem, rather than having short, white papillose hairs. Both differ from *E. neurocalyx* subsp. *neurocalyx* which has spreading leaves and a glabrous keel.

# 1.10.c. Eutaxia neurocalyx subsp. papillosa C.F. Wilkins, subsp. nov.

Caulis papillis brevis densis albis ad 0.05 mm longis instructus; folia ad caulem appressa vel vix effusa; margo adaxialis carinae pilis ad 0.1 mm longis indutus.

Stem with dense, short, white, papillose hairs to 0.05 mm long; leaves mainly < 1.5 (-2) mm long, appressed to stem or slightly spreading; keel adaxial margin with hairs to 0.1 mm long. (Figure 19).

Typus: 74 km W of Kumarl which is ca 122 km N of Esperance, Western Australia, 10 October 1966, P.G. Wilson 5706 (holo: PERTH! 01751786; iso: CANB!, MEL!, NSW!).

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: SE of Merredin near Koonadgin, 21 Sep. 1995, H. Adamson 8100 (PERTH); Norseman-Lake King Track, E of Lake King Store, 6 Oct. 2001, B. Archer 1995 (CANB, MEL, PERTH); Newdegate, 17 Nov. 1931, W.E. Blackall 1294 (PERTH); from Newdegate towards Lake Grace, 7 Nov. 1968, E.M. Canning 7376 (NSW); Dragon Rocks Nature Reserve, 24 Oct. 1991, A.M. Coates 3308 (PERTH); E of Bungalbin Hill, 8 Sep. 1989, R.J. Cranfield & P.J. Spencer

7778 (PERTH); W of Newdegate PO, 28 Sep. 1993, M.D. Crisp & W. Keys 8525 (CANB, GAUBA, PERTH); Kodj Kodjin Nature Reserve, N of Kellerberrin, 23 Sep. 1986, L. Darlington s.n. (PERTH); E of Southern Cross on Great Eastern Hwy, 7 May 1992, A.S. George 16936 (CANB, PERTH); Comitum Dam Nature Reserve, ESE of Kellerberrin, 1 Oct. 1997, G.J. Keighery & N. Gibson 5832 (PERTH); SSW Queen Victoria Rock, 24 Sep. 1993, G.J. Keighery 12976 (PERTH); E of Hyden on road to Forrestania crossroads, 18 Oct. 1995, B.J. Lepschi 2169 (PERTH); E of Lake King, 22 Oct. 1991, T.D. Macfarlane TDM 1983 (PERTH); N Bungulla Reserve, NW of Kellerberrin, 30 Aug. 1977, B.G. Muir 285 (3.4) (PERTH); WNW of Kumarl, on Kumarl-Lake King Road, 10 Oct. 1966, T.B. Muir 4381 (MEL); E of Lake Grace, 12 Nov. 1963, K.R. Newbey 1029 (PERTH); E of Hyden, 14 Oct. 1963, K.R. Newbey 3038 (PERTH); S of Mt Correll, NNW of Bullfinch, 24 Sep. 1982, K.R. Newbey 9586 (PERTH); NE of Bungalbin, 18 Sep. 1991, B.H. Smith 1530 (CANB, K, MEL, PERTH, S).

Distribution and habitat. This subspecies occurs in Western Australia from NNW of Bullfinch to Newdegate (Figure 20). It is found in mainly yellow, creamy-white, or red brown sand, brown or greenish clay with gravel, or gravelly soil over massive ironstone, in *Grevillea* heath or mallee and tall shrubland.

Flowering period. August to November.

Conservation status. This subspecies is widespread and has no special conservation needs at this time.

*Etymology.* From the Latin *papillosus* (= covered with papillae) is in reference to the papillose hairs present on the stem in this subspecies.

Notes. This subspecies is similar to *E. neurocalyx* subsp. *nacta* in having small (1–2 mm long) ovate to elliptic, mainly appressed leaves, and the adaxial margin of the keel with minute, white hairs to 0.1 mm long, but differs in having stem hairs that are papillose and to 0.05 mm long rather than having long hairs to 0.4 mm long. *Eutaxia neurocalyx* subsp. *neurocalyx* has more spreading, mainly longer leaves and a glabrous keel margin. There is one old collection (*T.E. George* 114), from near Yunderup that resembles *E. neurocalyx* subsp. *papillosa* in having a hairy keel margin and papillose stem, that needs recollection for positive identification as it would be a significant range extension.

**1.11. Eutaxia parvifolia** Benth., *Enum. Pl. [Endlicher]*: 34 (Apr. 1837). *Type citation*: 'King Georges Sound. (Hügel).' (holo: W).

Eutaxia dillwynioides Meisn., in Lehm., Pl. Preiss. 1: 63 (Sep. 1844). Type citation: 'In regionibus interioribus Australiae meridionali-occidentalis, m. Oct. 1840. Herb. Preiss. No. 1191.' (lecto, here designated: LD; isolecto: NY (image!), P!).

Eutaxia densifolia Turcz., Bull. Soc. Imp. Naturalistes Moscou 26: 271 (1853). Type citation: 'Drummond V. n. 76.' [Western Australia, 1847–1849, J. Drummond 5: 76] (holo: KW; iso: BM 550737!, E, G!, K (image!), MEL, NSW, P!, PERTH!, W).

Eutaxia obovata Turcz., Bull. Soc. Imp. Naturalistes Moscou 26: 271 (1853). Type citation: 'Drum. V. n. 46.' [Western Australia, 1847–1849, J. Drummond 5: 76] (holo: KW; iso: BM550736!, G!, K (image!), MEL, NSW, W).



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Figure 19. Flowering stem of *Eutaxia neurocalyx* subsp. *papillosa* (scan of section of holotype PERTH 01751786).; scale bar = 1 cm.

Figure 20. Distribution of *Eutaxia neurocalyx* subsp. *papillosa* in Western Australia.

Dillwynia incerta Domin, Vestn. Král. Ceské Spolecn. Nauk, Tr. Mat.-Prír., 2: 37 (1923). Type citation: 'W.A. [Western Australia]: Warrunup Hill. Stirling Range, leg. Capt. A.A. Dorrien-Smith.' (holo: K (image!); iso: PERTH!).

Shrub erect or prostrate, densely branching  $0.2-2\times0.2-1.4$  m. Stems red-brown with or without green spots, not or rarely glaucous, without tubercles, not spinescent, glabrous. Stipules red-brown,  $0.1-0.3\times0.1-0.15$  mm. Pulvinus 0.3-0.8 mm long. Leaves spreading, opposite and decussate, internode length shorter than leaf length, petiole 1-3 mm long; blade concolourous olive green, or abaxial surface slightly darker, not tuberculate, obovate to elliptic, narrowly obovate,  $2.5-17\times1-3$  mm, abaxial surface, ribs mainly 1, rarely absent or 2-3, both surfaces and margin glabrous; the apex obtuse to acuminate and apiculate and straight. Flowers axillary, solitary, often crowded towards the apex of the branches. Bracts similar to floral leaf but shorter and often broader and thinner-textured, but mainly the flower is subtended by a vegetative leaf. Bracteoles on upper portion of pedicel, green, lanceolate to narrowly elliptic,  $2-4\times0.5-1.4$  mm, glabrous. Pedicels straight or recurved, 1-2.4(-4) mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals  $2.8-5\times1.6-2.5$  mm, glabrous except for margins of lobes. Hypanthium 0.35-0.5 mm long. Calyx unribbed or with 6 faint veins, red-brown without markings, or green with red markings at junction of free lobes and tube, slightly glossy or dull; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.3-1.5 mm, symmetrical,  $2.4-3.1\times0.9-1.1$  mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 2.4-3.1 mm, ovate, straight,  $1.1-1.4\times0.9-1.1$  mm, the apex acute. Standard

claw  $1.9-2.8 \times 0.45-0.8$  mm; lamina base cordate, auriculate; lamina yellow or orange-yellow with a yellow ovate eye bordered by a broad halo of orange-red, red vein markings prominent on back, broadly ovate to broadly elliptic,  $4-6.1 \times 7.1-9.1$ mm, emarginate indent 0.4-0.9 mm long. Wings claw 1.8-2.3 mm long; lamina adaxial spur straight, or curved, 0.6-0.8 mm long; lamina yellow or orange-red fading to yellow at the apex, downturned, oblong, or obovate,  $4.4-6.5 \times 1.7-2$  mm, the apex obtuse to truncate. Keel claw 1.6-2.1 mm long; lamina yellow-cream with apical third red or all red, straight, obovate,  $3.4-3.8 \times 1.3-1.8$  mm, glabrous, the apex acute. Stamen filaments  $2.3-4.5 \times 0.1-0.4$  mm; anthers white to yellow,  $0.35-0.4 \times 0.2-0.35$  mm. Gynoecium stipe 0.4-0.9 mm long; ovary  $1.3-1.8 \times 0.45-0.6$  mm, lower half glabrous, upper half with moderately dense, spreading, straight hairs, 0.4-0.5 mm long; style hooked towards the apex,  $1.8-2.6 \times 0.17-0.28$  mm, lower half with sparse, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.2 mm long, upper half glabrous; stigma capitate. Fruit compressed, ellipsoid, placental margin slightly curved or straight, non-placental margin strongly curved,  $4.5-7 \times 2-3.5$  mm, outer surface with sparse, spreading and appressed, wavy hairs c. 0.6 mm long. Seed mid-brown to dark brown, ellipsoid,  $1.1-1.8 \times 1.1-1.6$  mm; aril u-shaped, white, c.  $0.8 \times 0.3$  mm.

Chromosome number. Unknown.

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Granite Peak walk trail, 29 Sep. 1994, A.R. Annels 4527 (CANB, PERTH); Tarin Rock, 24 Sep. 1974, T.E.H. Aplin 6013 (AD, MEL, PERTH); Tenterden, 7 Oct. 1967, A.M. Ashby 2347 (CANB, K, PERTH); From Shannon R Settlement towards Walpole, 14 Oct. 1968, E.M. Canning s.n. (CANB); W of Peaceful Bay Road, on S Coast Highway, 11 Oct. 1997, J.A. Chappill & R. Butcher 5900 (PERTH); Near corner of Ledge Point Road and Gull Rock Road, 28 Nov. 2000, J.A. Chappill & C.F. Wilkins 6552 (PERTH); Cape Arid National Park, Tagon Road. S of its junction with Merivale Road, 25 Sep. 1985, M.G. Corrick 9534 (CANB, MEL); Mount Manypeaks, 20 Oct. 1985, M.G. Corrick 9708 (CANB, MEL); Mount Trio, vicinity of car park, 30 Oct. 1986, R.S. Cowan A-491 (AD, CANB, MEL, PERTH); Stirling Range, SE of Wedge Hill, 24 Sep. 1979, M.D. Crisp 6120 (CANB, NSW, PERTH); Bremer Bay, W of Wellstead turnoff, 4 Oct. 2002, M.D. Crisp 9503 (CANB); E from Bow bridge, 19 Sep. 1992, B.G. Hammersley 630 (PERTH); Bow River, Nov. 1912, S.W. Jackson s.n. (NSW, PERTH); Valley of the Giants Road, 25 Oct. 1997, B.J. Lepschi & B.A. Fuhrer 3664 (PERTH); Hatter Hill, 3 Sep. 1970, K.R. Newbey 3348 (PERTH); N of Cheyne Inlet, off Sandalwood Road, 8 Aug. 1974, G. Perry 244 (AD, BRI, NSW, PERTH); N of Gracetown, 4 Nov. 2000, J. Scott 302 (PERTH); E of Esperance, near Mungliginup Creek, 30 Sep. 1968, P.G. Wilson 8074 (CANB, PERTH); Nuyts Wilderness, Walpole-Nornalup National Park, 28 Oct. 1994, A. Worz 04.10.28.08 (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. This species is widespread from Bolgart to Albany and east to Cape Arid (Figure 21). It occurs in heathland and open woodland on sand.

Flowering period. July to November.

Conservation status. This species is widespread with no special needs for conservation at this time.

Etymology. From the Latin parvus (= small) and folius (= leaved) in reference to the small leaves mainly present in this species.

*Notes.* The leaf form of *E. parvifolia* can approach that of both *E. cuneata* and *E. myrtifolia*, but it can be easily distinguished from these species by the two acuminate rather than truncate adaxial calyx

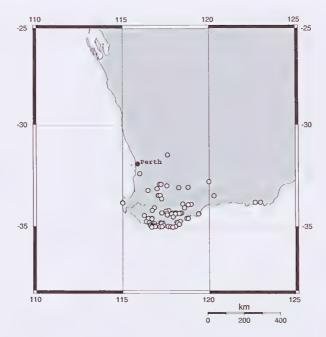


Figure 21. Distribution of *Eutaxia parvifolia* in Western Australia.

lobes and long, lanceolate bracteoles. The flowers are superficially similar to those of *E. microphylla* but differ in their thick and hooked, rather than filiform and elongate style, and capitate rather than simple stigma. The leaf form is highly variable, ranging from less than 5 mm long and cuneate to over 10 mm long and oblanceolate. Specimens collected in inland areas generally have smaller leaves, while specimens with long, narrow leaves similar to the type of *E. densifolia* are found near Albany and in the Stirling Ranges. The continuous range of leaf variation does not allow separate recognition of the *densifolia* or *obovata* Turcz. forms, as leaves often curl inwards when pressed, giving the superficial appearance of a linear leaf. This species does, however, warrant a more detailed examination than was possible in this revision.

Eutaxia dillwynioides has been confused with Dillwynia dillwynioides (Meisn.) Druce (Grieve 1998), although Meissner's description of glabrous branchlets and dark brown membranous calyx differs markedly from the villous branchlets and calyx of the latter species. No specimens that are labelled E. dillwynioides are housed at the Western Australian Herbarium, but two were uncovered amongst loans from the Paris herbarium, one of which was labelled with the collection number of the type specimen cited by Meissner in the original description. This specimen showed little resemblance to D. dillwynioides, instead matching E. parvifolia. The second specimen was different again, matching the description of E. microphylla. Aotus dillwynioides Meisn., described in the same publication as E. dillwynioides, is synonymous with D. dillwynioides.

*Eutaxia dillwynioides* has been lectotypified on the Lund specimen (Crisp 1983 and Crisp pers. comm. 2009) because the material at Lund is of a superior quality to that at NY.

Dillwynia incerta Domin was collected by A.A. Dorrien-Smith. A Kew specimen has been chosen as the lectotype. Domin worked with the Dorrien-Smith specimens in Kew. The sheets in K (there are

two) have been annotated, possibly by Gardner, as the 'type' of the name. One corner of one sheet is cut off and an annotation slip says 'specimen presented to W. Australia herbarium'. The complete specimen without the corner cut off is the chosen lectotype. No specimen by this collector are known in Prague (pers. comm. M. Crisp 2009).

**1.12. Eutaxia virgata** Benth., *Enum. Pl. [Endlicher]*: 34 (Apr. 1837). *Type citation*: 'Swan River. [Western Australia] (Huegel)' (holo: W; iso: K (image!)).

Eutaxia ericoides Meisn., in Lehm., Pl. Preiss. 1: 63 (Sep. 1844). Type citation: 'In colonia ad fluv. Cygnorum legit Jac. Drummond, n. 245 et coll. 1.' Lecto, here designated: Swan River [Western Australia], 1839 [1835–1838], J. Drummond s.n. (BM 550739!); isolecto: BM 550740! G!, K (image!). Paralecto: [Western Australia, 1842], J. Drummond 2: 245 (BM 550739!, A, E, G!, K (image!), MEL, P!, W).

Eutaxia ericoides Meisn. var. filicaulis Meisn., in Lehm., Pl. Preiss. 1: 64 (Sep. 1844). Type citation. 'In dumetis arenosis ad fl. Cygnorum, d. 9. Apr. 1839. Herb. Preiss. No. 877.' (lecto, here designated: LD; isolecto: G!, GH, GOET, K (image!), MEL 2048986, NY (image!), P!, S, W).

Shrub erect, spreading or semi-prostrate, often straggly, sparsely branching  $0.15-1.5 \times 0.1-1.2$  m. Stems red-brown or green, slight tubercles present or absent, not spinescent, glabrous. Stipules absent or cream or green, 0.05-0.3 × 0.05-0.15 mm. Pulvinus 0.15-0.4 mm long. Leaves spreading, or appressed towards the apex of branchlet, opposite and decussate, internode length mainly longer or shorter than leaf length; petiole 0.15-0.4 mm long; blade discolourous, pale green over mid green, abaxial surface with or without purple markings; very narrowly obovate, oblanceolate to almost linear, 1.8–15 × 0.5–2 mm, smooth, ribs absent or 1- or 3-ribbed, both surfaces and margin glabrous; the apex acute to somewhat rounded and straight. Flowers axillary, 1 or 2 or rarely 3 together. Bract narrowly ovate, to ovate, 1.5–2.1 × 0.6–1.6 mm, in the axil of a shorter and thinner-textured floral leaf; or the flower rarely subtended by a vegetative leaf and bract absent. Bracteoles mid pedicel, green or red-brown, narrowly ovate, 1.7-3.7 × 0.5-1.2 mm, without ribs, glabrous or few hairs on the apex. Pedicels straight, rarely recurved, 1-4.5 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals 3.3-5.5 × 1.9-2.2 mm, outer surface glabrous, except for margins of lobes. Hypanthium 0.25-0.5 mm long. Calyx inconspicuously 6-ribbed; green with dark red blotches or red-brown, dull; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.8-1.9 mm, symmetrical, 2.2-2.9 × 1-1.2 mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 3.5–3.7 mm, ovate, straight or slightly falcate, 1–1.4 × 0.9–1 mm, the apex acute. Standard claw 3.2–3.7 × 0.6–0.9 mm; lamina base truncate, attenuate or slightly cordate, not auriculate; lamina yellow-orange with red markings on back, with an orange-red or yellow oblong-ovate eye bordered by a broad halo of dark maroon red; lamina broadly ovate to orbicular, 5.8-6.6 × 6.5-9.8 mm, emarginate indent 0.6-0.7 mm. Wings claw 2-3.5 mm long; lamina adaxial spur straight, 0.4-1.2 mm long; lamina yellow-orange at the apex, red in the centre fading to cream at the base, straight, oblong, or slightly obovate, 6.1–6.5 × 1.7–1.8 mm, the apex rounded to truncate. *Keel* claw 2–3 mm long; lamina dark red, orange-yellow, base cream or green infused with pink; outside edge straight, inside edge gently curved,  $4-4.3 \times 1.5-1.8$  mm, glabrous, the apex rounded to truncate. Stamen filaments  $3-5.7 \times 0.25~0.3$  mm; anthers cream,  $0.35-0.5 \times 0.3-0.35$  mm. Gynoecium sessile; ovary  $1.3-2.3 \times 0.4-0.6$  mm, basal half glabrous, upper half with moderately dense, spreading, straight hairs, c. 0.7 mm long; style hooked towards the apex, 2.3-2.9 × 0.2-0.3 mm, glabrous; stigma capitate. Fruit compressed, placental margin slightly curved, non-placental margin strongly curved, 5.7-7.1 × 2.5-3.3 mm, outer surface with scattered, appressed, straight hairs c. 0.5 mm long. Seed black, ellipsoid,  $1.8-2.2 \times 1.2-1.4$  mm; aril u-shaped attached around hilum, c.  $1 \times 0.4$  mm, cream.

Chromosome number: 2n = 16 (vouchers Sands 638.10.4 and Sands 638.12.10; cited by Sands 1975).

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Nornalup Road, N of Northumberland Road, WNW of Denmark, 30 Oct. 1991, A.R. Annels ARA 1875 (PERTH); North of Wilgarrup siding, SW corner of loc. 12588, 17 Oct. 1994, A.R. Annels ARA 4657 (CANB, PERTH); Yallingup, Dec. 1930, W.E. Blackall s.n. (PERTH); From Perth towards Brookton, along Brookton Hwy, 7 Oct. 1968, E.M. Canning EMC 6048 (A, CANB, L, PERTH); N of Rosa Brook Road on Neilson Road, 10 Dec. 1996, N. Casson & A. Annels SC 58.5 (PERTH); N of SW Highway on Corio Road, 11 Nov. 1998, J.A. Chappill & R. Butcher 6156 (PERTH); Brockman Hwy, E of Karridale, 25 Oct. 1983, M.G. Corrick 8926 (CANB, PERTH); Off Railway Reserve, SE of Bowelling, 7 Sep. 1992, V. Crowley DKN 318 (PERTH); Radio Mast Hill, Cranbrook, 10 Oct. 1982, E.J. Croxford 2273 (PERTH); ESE of Rosa Glen, 21 Sep. 1995, R. Davis 215 (PERTH); Gnangara, Oct. 1945, C.A. Gardner s.n. (PERTH); NNE of Mandurah, 2 Oct. 1992, N. Gibson & M.N. Lyons 1507 (PERTH); Serpentine, 22 Oct. 1899, R. Helms s.n. (CANB, NSW, PERTH); SW Brennans Ford, Scott R, E Augusta, 21 Feb. 1982, G.J. Keighery 4483 (PERTH); S of Mt Barker, Cephalotus Swamp, 7 Oct. 1978, K.F. Kenneally 6930 (PERTH); Along Torbay Road at the western end from South Coast Highway, 28 Oct. 1992, T.D. Macfarlane, H.R. White TDM 2085 (PERTH); S of Nannup, 11 Nov. 1969, V. Mann & A.S. George, VM 75 (PERTH); Banganup Lake, near Jandakot, 25 Sep. 1970, B.R. Maslin 1250 (PERTH); Lane Pool Reserve, W of Treesville, Harris River Flats, Harvey District, 12 Oct. 1989, J.L. Robson JLR 494 (PERTH); Capel, 15 Aug. 1963, V.E. Sands 638.10.4 (PERTH, SYD); NNW of Mt Johnston, 6 Sep. 1997, D. Trenowden 341 (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Endemic to Western Australia. Eutaxia virgata has been collected mostly from coastal regions in the south-western corner of Western Australia, from Perth to Augusta and east to Mt Manypeaks (Figure 22). It is found in swampy areas or in open heath or forest on flat, wet

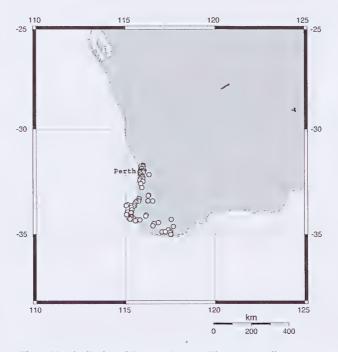


Figure 22. Distribution of Eutaxia virgata in Western Australia.

sandy or clay soil. Associated species include *Eucalyptus marginata*, *Corymbia calophylla*, *Agonis linearifolia*, *A. parviceps*, *Melaleuca preissiana* and other *Melaleuca* species.

Flowering period. Flowers throughout the year.

Conservation status. This species is widespread with no special conservation needs at this time.

Etymology. From the Latin virgatus (= long and slender) which describes the habit of this species.

Notes. Eutaxia virgata is easily identified by its long, slender stems and small, sparse, almost linear leaves. These features are shared only with the taxon called *E. exilis* which has been mistaken for *E. virgata* in the past. Eutaxia virgata can be distinguished from *E. exilis* by its larger bracteoles, five compared with 10 calyx ribs, smaller keel petal with a rounded the apex and leaves with a somewhat rounded compared with an acuminate apex.

BM 550740! (right hand side specimens) are here chosen as the lectotype of *Eutaxia ericoides* as they are part of Shuttleworth's collection, which would have been viewed by Meisner, are good quality specimens and match the type description. It is uncertain if the left hand side specimens of Drummond 245 are part of the labelled Shuttleworth collection on the right.

The specimen of *Eutaxia ericoides* Meisn. var. *filicaulis* Meisn. at LD is here designated as the lectotype, following (Crisp 1983 and pers. comm. 2009), as it is of better quality than the material at NY where Meissner was affiliated.

Eutaxia section Sclerothamnus (R.Br.) F.Muell., Fragm. 1: 7 (Mar. 1858).

Sclerothamnus R.Br., in Aiton, Hortus Kewensis ed. 2, 3: 16 (Oct.-Nov. 1811). Type: Sclerothamnus microphyllus R.Br.

Ovary stipitate (stipe 0.5–2 mm long), usually densely covered in soft hairs; style filiform and elongate or bent but never hooked, glabrous; stigma simple.

# 2.1. Eutaxia acanthoclada G.R.Hend. & Chappill, sp. nov.

Frutex prostratus ramulis pungentibus; foliis et calyx glaber; corolla omnino luteo-aurantiaca.

*Typus*: south of Forrestania Crossroads on the Southern Cross – Ironcaps Road, Western Australia [precise locality withheld for conservation purposes], 27 October 1999, *J.A. Chappill & C.F. Wilkins* JAC 6261 (*holo*: PERTH 07684460!; *iso*: CANB!).

Eutaxia sp. Hatter Hill (K.R. Newbey 6532), Western Australian Herbarium, in *FloraBase*, http://florabase.dec.wa.au [accessed 12 Nov. 2008].

Shrub mat-forming, prostrate, cushion-like, much-branched,  $6-10 \times 10-35$  cm. Stems glaucous pale red to grey, without tubercles, tips of branchlets prominently spinescent, glabrous. Stipules absent or cream  $0.05-0.1 \times 0.1$  mm. Pulvinus 0.2-0.5 mm long. Leaves spreading, opposite and decussate,

alternate, or irregularly arranged, internode length shorter than leaf length, petiole 0.15–0.3 mm long; blade concolorous or discolorous, pale grey-green, over darker grey-green, without purple markings on abaxial surface; obovate 1.5-4.3 × 0.8-1.2 mm, venation obscure or one vein visible, not tuberculate, both surfaces and margin glabrous, the apex obtuse, straight. Flowers axillary, solitary. Bracts present in the axil of a full size or smaller vegetative leaf, elliptic or obovate, 0.8-1.8 × 0.55-0.8 mm. Bracteoles on upper pedicel, red or grey-green, lanceolate, 0.8-2 × 0.3-0.6 mm, glabrous. Pedicels straight, 2-3.8 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals 2.3-3.5 × 1.1-1.8 mm, glabrous except for margins of lobes. Hypanthium 0.45-0.7 mm long. Calyx venation obscure, pale red-brown without markings, dull; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 0.9-1.3 mm, symmetrical, 1.8-2.4 × 0.8-1.1 mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 1.2-1.7 mm, equal length and width, ovate to narrowly ovate, straight,  $1.2-1.9 \times 0.65-0.9$  mm, the apex acute. Corolla entirely yellow-orange, standard claw 1.1-1.5 × 0.7 mm; lamina base cordate or truncate, auriculate; lamina broadly ovate to elliptic, 3.4-4.2 × 5-6 mm, emarginate indent 0.2-0.3 mm long. Wings claw 1.3-1.4 mm long; lamina adaxial spur straight, c.  $0.5 \times 0.3$  mm long; lamina oblong, straight,  $3.7-4.4 \times 1.3-1.4$  mm, the apex rounded to truncate. Keel claw c. 1.5 mm long; lamina ellipsoid, with inside edge straight, outside edge strongly arcuate, 3.6–4.2 × 1.6–2.3 mm, glabrous, the apex rounded. Stamen filaments  $2.8-4.7 \times 0.15-0.2$  mm; anthers orange,  $0.4-0.7 \times 0.3-0.4$  mm. Gynoecium stipe 0.3-0.6 mm long; ovary  $1-1.8 \times 0.6-0.8$  mm, with dense, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.7 mm long, evenly distributed; style curved, 1.8–3 × 0.1–0.15 mm, glabrous; stigma simple. Fruit inflated, ellipsoid, placental margin slightly curved, non-placental margin strongly curved, 3-4.3 × 2.1-3 mm, outer surface with dense hairs. Seed immature, brown, glabrous. (Figure 23)

Chromosome number. Unknown.

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: [localities withheld] 3 Nov. 1931, W.E. Blackall 1270 (PERTH); 27 Oct. 1999, J.A. Chappill & C.F. Wilkins 6248 (PERTH); 27 Oct. 1999, J.A. Chappill & C.F. Wilkins 6263 (PERTH); 5 Nov. 1998, J.A. Chappill & R. Butcher 6071 (PERTH); 31 Oct. 1993, R.J. Chinnock & G.S. Richmond RJC 8601 (AD, PERTH); 9 Oct. 1965, F. Humphreys s.n. (PERTH); 21 Feb. 2007, W. Johnston WJ 099 (MDN, PERTH); 3 Sep. 1970, K.R. Newbey 3343 (PERTH); 29 Oct. 1991, B. Smith 1587 (MEL); Nov. 1929, H. Steedman s.n. (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Collected from Westonia and in the vicinity of Lake Cronin, Hatters Hill, Mt Gibbs and Mt Madden (Figure 24). Found in *Eucalyptus* woodland are so on clay-loam, well-drained sandy loam or ironstone gravel.

Flowering period. September to November.

Conservation status. Listed as Priority Three under DEC Conservation Codes for Western Australian Flora (Smith 2010).

Etymology. From the Greek acantho (= spiny), cladus (= branch) refers to the pungent apices present on branchlets of this species.

Notes. The yellow-orange corolla with no markings in Eutaxia acanthoclada is similar to E. actinophylla and E. lasiocalyx, which also share the same elongate, filiform style, simple stigma and lanceolate bracteoles. Eutaxia acanthoclada differs from E. lasiocalyx in having a glabrous rather than a hairy calyx and is easily distinguished from E. actinophylla and E. lasiocalyx, by its prostrate, cushion-like habit and abundant, prominent, spinescent tips to the branchlets.



Figure 23. Flowering stem of *Eutaxia acanthoclada* (scan of section of holotype PERTH 07684460); scale bar = 1 cm.

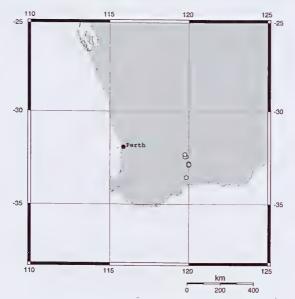


Figure 24. Distribution of Eutaxia acanthoclada in Western Australia.

**2.2. Eutaxia actinophylla** Chappill & C.F. Wilkins, *Nuytsia* 17: 470–472 (2007). *Type*: new Norseman-Hyden Track, Western Australia [precise locality withheld for conservation reasons], 29 September 1999, *B. Archer* 1387 (*holo*: PERTH 07463472!; *iso*: CANB, NSW).

Eutaxia verticillata Chappill ms., Western Australian Herbarium, in FloraBase, http://florabase.dec. wa.au [accessed 12 Nov. 2008].

Shrub erect, compact  $0.15-0.5 \times 0.3-0.6$  m. Stems green or red-brown with yellow ribs, without tubercles, not spinescent, glabrous. Stipules absent or cream,  $0.05-0.1 \times 0.04-0.1$  mm. Pulvinus c. 0.3 mm long. Leaves spreading, in whorls of 3, internode length shorter than leaf length, petiole 0.2-0.25 mm long; blade concolourous mid-green to grey-green, or purple on abaxial surface, elliptic to obovate, smooth,  $(1.3-)2-4.5(-6) \times 0.5-1.3$  mm, abaxial surface with veins not visible or single, leaf glabrous; the apex acute or obtuse and straight. Flowers axillary, solitary. Bracts absent with flower

in the axil of a vegetative leaf, or the flower subtended by a shorter and thinner-textured floral leaf, ovate, or obovate,  $1.2-2.9 \times 0.5-0.9$  mm. Bracteoles at base of calyx, green, ovate,  $1-2 \times 0.5-1.2$  mm, glabrous, the apex acute. Pedicels straight, 0.8-1.3 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals 3-4 × 1.5-2.8 mm, glabrous except for margins of lobes. Hypanthium 0.5-0.6 mm long. Calyx veins not visible or with 5 faint veins, green with red tinge towards the apex and red spots at join of lobes, dull; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.4-1.6 mm, symmetrical, 2-2.6 × 1.1-1.3 mm, the apex acute; two adaxial lobes valvate, fused at base for 1.8-2.6 mm, ovate, straight, 1.5-1.9 × 1.4-1.5 mm, the apex acute. Standard claw  $1.1-1.6 \times 0.6-0.75$  mm; lamina base cordate, auricles absent; lamina golden-yellow with yellow eye and red flare near base; lamina broadly ovate, 3.8-5 × 6-7.4 mm, emarginate indent 0.4-0.5 mm long. Wings claw 0.9-1.3 mm long; adaxial spur absent, or straight, c. 0.3 × 0.5 mm; lamina golden-yellow; oblong, straight, 3.7-4.7 × 1.4-2 mm; the apex obtuse. Keel claw 1.1-1.3 mm long; lamina lemon-yellow, straight, oblong, 3.3-4.7 × 1.6-2.8 mm, glabrous, the apex obtuse. Stamen filaments  $2.5-4.8 \times 0.3-0.4$  mm; anthers cream to yellow,  $0.6-0.7 \times 0.4-0.5$  mm. Gynoecium sessile or stipe to 0.2 mm long; ovary 1.7-2.1 × 0.6-0.9 mm, with dense, spreading, straight hairs, 0.6-1 mm long, evenly distributed; style filiform, curved,  $1.6-2.2 \times 0.15-0.2$  mm, with medium density, spreading, straight hairs 0.2-0.7 mm long on lower third, glabrous above; stigma simple. Fruit inflated, ellipsoid, both margins strongly curved, 3.6–4.8 × 2.5–2.6 mm, with dense, spreading, wavy hairs. Seeds black, ellipsoid, 1.8-2 × 1.2-1.4 mm; aril u-shaped surrounding hilum,  $0.7-1 \times 1$  mm, translucent white.

### Chromosome number. Unknown.

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: [localities withheld] 29 Sep. 1999, B. Archer 1386 (CANB, MEL, NSW, PERTH); 9 Dec. 2001, B. Archer 2071 (MEL, PERTH); 9 Dec. 2001, B. Archer 2073 (AD, CANB, MEL, PERTH); 3 Nov. 1990, W.R. Archer 3119015 (MEL, PERTH); 10 Oct. 1931, W.E. Blackall 995 (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia actinophylla occurs in southern Western Australia near Norseman, Salmon Gums and Mt Newmont (Figure 25). This species grows in shrubland on red clay loam with a shallow covering of gravel or in red sandy loam over granite

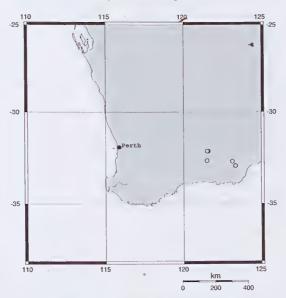


Figure 25. Distribution of *Eutaxia actinophylla* in Western Australia.

Flowering period. September to December.

Conservation status. Listed as Priority One under DEC Conservation Codes for Western Australian Flora (Smith 2010), as it is only known from a few collections on the Hyden to Norseman track and an old collection at Salmon Gums.

*Etymology.* From the Greek *actinos* (= ray or spoke of wheel) and *phyllon* (= leaf). This species is named for its leaves, which are in regular whorls of three.

Notes. Eutaxia actinophylla shares the feature of a yellow corolla and glabrous outer surface of the calyx with E. acanthoclada; however, in addition to the whorled leaves, it differs in having non-spinescent apices of branchlets and an erect rather than a prostrate habit.

Although previously listed on FloraBase as *Eutaxia verticillata* Chappill ms, this name was not adopted. *Eutaxia* and *Pultenaea* may be combined in the future (Crisp & Cook 2003) under *Pultenaea* Sm. (Orthia *et al.* 2005b) and the epithet is preoccupied in the latter genus as *Pultenaea verticillata* Turcz.

Specimens of this species held at PERTH have been determined as *Eutaxia* sp. Norseman (*B. Archer* 1977) but this name has not been recorded on *FloraBase*.

**2.3.** Eutaxia andocada Chappill & C.F.Wilkins, *Nuytsia* 17: 471, 474–475 (2007). *Type*: northeast of Peak Charles, Western Australia [precise locality withheld for conservation reasons], 16 September 2000, *J.A. Chappill, M.D. Crisp & L. Cook* JAC 6439 (*holo*: PERTH 07460392!; *iso*: CANB, NSW).

Eutaxia sp. Peak Eleanora (M.A. Burgman 3862), Western Australian Herbarium, in FloraBase, http://florabase.dec.wa.au [accessed 12 Nov. 2008].

Eutaxia alternifolia Chappill & C.F.Wilkins ms., Western Australian Herbarium, in FloraBase, http://florabase.dec.wa.au [accessed 12 Nov. 2008].

Shrub erect, sparsely branching, 0.2–0.4 × 0.3 m. Stems reddish brown, smooth, with medium density, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.2 mm long, branchlets spinescent. Stipules absent or cream, c. 0.15 × 0.1 mm. Pulvinus 0.2–0.3 mm long. Leaves appressed, alternate, internode length shorter than leaf length; petiole 0.1-0.25 mm long; blade slightly discolourous, adaxial surface pale grey green, abaxial surface with tinge of red; elliptic, rarely obovate, 1.3-4.3(-5) × 0.7-1.8 mm; abaxial surface and margin with scattered, spreading, straight hairs 0.15-0.2 mm long, distinctly 1-3-ribbed and tuberculate; adaxial surface glabrous; the apex obtuse and straight. Flowers axillary, solitary. Bract absent and flower in the axil of a vegetative leaf, or the flower subtended by a shorter and thinner-textured floral leaf, c.  $1.7 \times 0.8$  mm. Bracteoles on pedicel, just below the calyx, grey-green, becoming red-brown, ovate-lanceolate or obovate, 0.8–2.1 × 0.3–0.8 mm, glabrous. Pedicels straight, 0.7-1.5 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals, 2.6-4.5 × 1.3-1.7 mm, glabrous except for margin of lobes. Hypanthium 0.5-0.6 mm long. Calyx not prominently ribbed, green with a red tinge, with dark red spots at junction of lobes, dull; total calyx length 2.6-4.5 mm; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.1-1.5 mm, symmetrical, middle and lateral lobes 1.4-2.5 × 1.1-1.2 mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 1.8-2.8 mm, ovate, straight, 0.9-1.7 × 0.9-1 mm, the apex acute. Standard claw 1.4-1.9 × 0.4 mm; lamina base slightly cordate, non-auriculate; lamina yellow-orange with dark

red markings on veins on back, base with pale lemon, ovate to triangular eye with minute orange markings, surrounded by red vein markings; lamina broadly ovate,  $3.5-5 \times 4.9-7$  mm; emarginate indent 0.2-0.5 mm long. Wings claw 1.1-1.9 mm long; adaxial spur straight,  $c. 0.3 \times 0.3$  mm; lamina straight, yellow-orange with central red marking, oblong,  $4-5 \times 1.3-1.7$  mm, the apex rounded. Keel claw 1.1-2 mm long; lamina orange-yellow with dark red tip, straight, oblong or slightly obovate,  $3.9-4.7 \times 1.5-2.7$  mm, glabrous, the apex rounded. Stamen filaments  $3.3-5.5 \times 0.1-0.2$  mm; anthers cream,  $0.4-0.5 \times 0.3-0.35$  mm. Gynoecium stipe 0.5-1.1 mm; ovary  $1.1-2 \times 0.6-0.9$  mm, with evenly distributed dense, spreading, straight hairs 0.5-0.8 mm long; style curved,  $2.8-3.9 \times 0.15-0.2$  mm, with few scattered hairs at base, glabrous above; stigma simple. Fruit and seed not seen.

Chromosome number, Unknown.

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: [localities withheld] 28 Sep. 1984, M.A. Burgman 3862 (PERTH); 22 Aug. 1995, R. Davis 29 (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia andocada is only known from the vicinity of Peak Charles and Peak Eleanora (Figure 26), where it grows in shrubland on white sand or brown sandy clay over granite.

Flowering period. August to September.

Conservation status. Listed as Priority One under DEC Conservation Codes for Western Australian Flora (Smith 2010).

Etymology. From the Greek andocadon (= alternately) in reference to the alternate leaves present in this species.

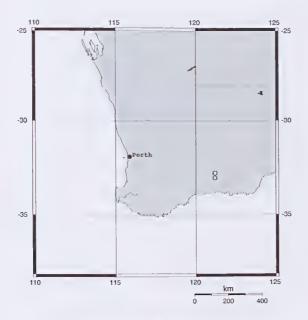


Figure 26. Distribution of *Eutaxia andocada* in Western Australia.

*Notes.* This species differs from *E. microphylla* and *E. rubricarina* in having leaves alternate rather than being opposite, and a keel which is orange-yellow with a dark red tip compared with all red as in *E. rubricarina*.

Although previously listed on FloraBase as *E. alternifolia* Chappill and C.F. Wilkins ms, this name was not adopted as *Eutaxia* and *Daviesia* Sm. may be combined in the future (Crisp & Cook 2003) under *Pultenaea* Sm. (Orthia *et al.* 2005b) and the epithet is preoccupied in the latter genus as *Daviesia alternifolia* Endl.

**2.4. Eutaxia diffusa** F.Muell., Fragm. 1 (1): 7 (1858); Sclerothamnus diffusus F.Muell., First Gen. Rep. Gov. Bot. Veg. Colony: 12 (1853), nom. nud; Eutaxia virgata var. diffusa Regel, Suppl. Indicem Seminum [quae Hortus Botanicus Imperialis Petropolitanus]: 37 (1866); Eutaxia microphylla var. diffusa (F.Muell.) Court, Vict. Naturalist 73(10): 173 (1957). Type citation: 'In Australia felice et colonia South Australia, a montibus Flinders Range et sinu St. Vincent's Gulf usque ad Murray flumen et tractum Bacchus Marsh.' Lecto, fide Court (1957): 'In itinere per plagas interioris S. Aust. monte Mt Remarkable [illegible word] lectus', s. dat., F. Mueller s.n. (MEL 624495); isolecto: 'interior towards Mt Remarkable Oct. 1850' (K (image!), on mixed sheet, left hand side, designated a, with paralecto b on same sheet). Paralecto: 'Gawler town' (K (image!, on mixed sheet, right hand side, designated b, with isolecto a on same sheet), P!. 'Murray River' (BM 550743!, K). 'Austral. Felix' (K (image!), P!).

Shrub erect, densely branched 0.5-1 × 0.4-1.1 m. Stems colour unknown, smooth, glabrous, not spinescent. Stipules cream, 0.1-0.15 × 0.1 mm. Pulvinus 0.8-1 mm long. Leaves spreading, opposite and decussate, internode length shorter than leaf length; petiole 0.15-0.5 mm long; blade strongly discolourous, grey green, over brownish green without purple markings; obovate to narrowly obovate,  $(2-)4.5-9.7 \times (0.8-)1.5-3.7$  mm, abaxial surface with veins 3 veins, smooth, both surfaces glabrous, the apex acute, straight. Flowers axillary, solitary. Bract absent and flower in the axil of a vegetative leaf or bract within vegetative leaf c.  $1.5 \times 0.7$  mm. Bracteoles on the pedicel just below the calyx, red-green, or green, lanceolate, 1.8-3 × 0.8-1.1 mm, glabrous, the apex acute. Pedicels straight, 1.5–3 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals 4.7–4.5 × 2.3–2.8 mm, outer surface glabrous, except for margin of lobes. Hypanthium c. 0.6-0.8 mm long. Calyx faintly 5-ribbed, colour unknown, dull; total calyx length 3.3-5.3 mm; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.3-1.6 mm, symmetrical, equal length, 2.2–2.5 × 1.1–1.3 mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 2.3–2.8 mm, ovate to narrowly ovate, straight,  $1.5-1.7 \times 0.9-1.3$  mm, the apex acute. Standard claw  $2.2-3 \times 0.4-0.5$  mm; lamina base cordate, with or without basal auricles; lamina yellow with or without red veins and or red central markings, broadly ovate, 4.9-6.7 × 7-8.4 mm; emarginate indent 0.5-0.6 mm long. Wings claw 2.1-2.5 mm long; lamina yellow, adaxial spur straight, c.  $0.5 \times 0.5$  mm; lamina straight, oblong,  $5-5.8 \times 1.7-2$  mm, the apex rounded. Keel claw 2.3-2.7 mm long; lamina orange-yellow with darker orange towards the apex, oblong, to elliptic, straight, 5.3-6.2 × 2.3-2.8 mm, glabrous; the apex rounded. Stamen filaments  $4.7-8.3 \times 0.1-0.2$  mm; anthers cream,  $0.6-0.7 \times 0.35-0.45$  mm. Gynoecium stipe 1.2-1.7 mm long; ovary 2.3–2.5 × 0.9–1 mm, with evenly distributed dense, spreading, straight hairs, c. 0.4 mm long; style curved,  $3.5-4 \times 0.1-0.15$  mm, base with sparse, spreading, straight hairs, c. 0.2 mm long, remainder glabrous; stigma simple. Fruit inflated, ellipsoid, both margins strongly curved, 5-6 × 3.3-4 mm, outer surface with dense, appressed, straight hairs, c. 0.3 mm long. Seeds black, ellipsoid, c.  $2.5 \times 1.8$  mm, smooth, shiny; aril u-shaped surrounding hilum, c.  $2 \times 0.5$  mm, translucent yellow.

Chromosome number. 2n = 16 (vouchers Sands 649.5.1, 649.6.4 in Sands (1975) as E. microphylla var. diffusa)

Selected specimens. QUEENSLAND: Near Coolmunda Dam, E of Inglewood, 3 Sep. 1975, L. Pedley 4235 (BRI). NEW SOUTH WALES: Ingleburn, Sep. 1910, J.L. Boorman s.n. (BM, NSW); E along the Quandialla road from the Mid-Western Hwy, near Wyalong, 30 Nov. 1984, R. Coveny & P. Hind 12074 (CANB, MEL, NSW, PERTH). VICTORIA: Campbell's Creek, 26 Sep. 1911, C.H. Derrick s.n. (G); Southern fringes of the Big Desert N of Lillimur, 24 Sep. 1957, A.J. Hicks 102 (K); Little Desert (Parish of Jungkum), NW Victoria, 1 Oct. 1960, A.J. Hicks 291 (K); Calder Highway, E of Melbourne, 5 Oct. 1952, R. Melville, M. Cohn, W. Perry, H. Henkel & J. Kellam 1458 (MEL, PERTH); Near Bacchus Marsh, 3 Nov. 1910, J.R. Tovey s.n. (G); Wimmera, s.dat., F. von. Mueller s.n. (P). SOUTH AUSTRALIA: S of Swan Reach, ENE of Adelaide, 16, Sep. 1971, J. Carrick 2938 (G); Gawler, s.dat., F. von Mueller s.n. (P); Kangaroo Island, Brownlow road, W of Kingscote, 5 Sep. 1964, V. E. Sands 649.5.1 (PERTH); S of N Hill to Winnian, near Bordertown, 9 Sep. 1964, V.E. Sands 649.6.4. (PERTH, SYD). WESTERN AUSTRALIA: S of Ongerup, 26 Sep. 1964, K. Newbey 1481 (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia diffusa is recorded from Inglewood in Queensland to New South Wales and NW Victoria, and west to South Australia (Figure 27). It is recorded as growing in brown clayey loam with scattered Eucalyptus behriana, Acacia trineura and Melaleuca lanceolata. There is a single collection from S of Ongerup in SE Western Australia (Newbey 1481) but as there have been no further collections from this area, this disjunction would need to be verified.

Flowering period. August to October, fruiting in November.

Conservation status. This species is widespread and not considered to be under threat at this time.

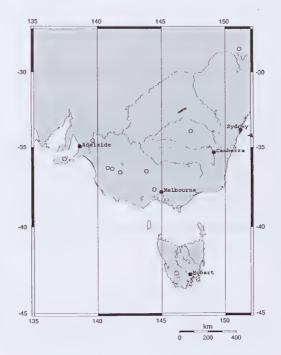


Figure 27. Distribution of *Eutaxia diffusa* in southern Australia.

*Etymology.* From the Latin *diffusa* (=spreading widely and loosely) possibly refers to the branching habit of the plant, or the less crowded leaves.

Notes. Eutaxia diffusa differs from E. empetrifolia in having leaves with an acute compared with a sub acute apex and a usually longer petiole. It shares with E. empetrifolia narrowly obovate to obovate leaves with the leaf base always narrower than the apical third of the leaf. Both species differ in leaf shape from E. microphylla, which has ovate or narrowly oblong, or linear elliptic leaves with the truncate base wider or the same width as the apical third of the leaf, an obtuse apex, and leaf margins that are sometimes ciliate compared with always glabrous. The apex of the branchlets of E. diffusa are never pungent as seen in many collections of E. microphylla.

Before her death, Chappill determined specimens as *E. microphylla* var. *microphylla* or *E. microphylla* var. *diffusa* following Court (1957) and Jessup and Toelken (1986). Harden (2002) and Walsh and Entwistle (1996) give these varieties specific status and this is accepted here. The type form of *S. microphyllus* is distinct from that of *E. diffusa* and the here reinstated *E. empetrifolia*. Due to the complex nature of this group, further research such as DNA sequence analysis of these three species is recommended.

Court (1957) previously lectotypified the Mt Remarkable specimen collected by Mueller (MEL 624495) when he described the variety *Eutaxia microphylla* var. *diffusa* (F. Muell.) Court. It is a large piece of flowering material and the best quality specimen, with a clear label annotated by Bentham. Mueller is known to have sent material to Kew that Bentham had seen so there is a duplicate in K (Herbarium Benthamianum).

**2.5.** Eutaxia empetrifolia Schltdl., *Linnaea* 20: 667 (1847). *Type citation.* 'An trocknen, sandigen Orten bei Bethanien. November. Blumen orange.' [Bethany, South Australia, *s. dat.*, *H.H. Behr s.n.*] (*holo*: HAL?; *iso*: G!).

Shrub sprawling to erect, densely branched 0.2–0.5 × 0.4–1 m. Stems green with pale cream ribs, without tubercles, glabrous, not spinescent. Stipules cream, 0.1–0.15 × 0.1 mm. Pulvinus 0.4–0.6 mm long. Leaves spreading, opposite and decussate, internode length shorter than leaf length; petiole 0.05-0.1 mm long; blade not discolourous, grey green, without purple markings; narrowly obovate, 0.7-4.5 (-7)  $\times$  0.4-1.3 mm, abaxial surface with veins not visible or 1-3 veins, smooth, both surfaces glabrous, the apex subacute to rounded, straight. Flowers axillary, solitary. Bract absent and flower in the axil of a full size or shorter vegetative leaf. Bracteoles on the pedicel just below the calyx, red-green, or green, lanceolate, 1.5–2.3 × 0.6–0.8 mm, glabrous, the apex acute. Pedicels straight, 1.3–3.5 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals 2.5–3.8 × 1.3–2.3 mm, outer surface glabrous, except for margin of lobes. Hypanthium c. 0.3–0.4 mm long. Calyx faintly 5-ribbed, mainly green tube with pale red or red lobes, with or without red spots base of lobes, dull; total calyx length 2.5-3.5 mm; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.3-1.6 mm, symmetrical, equal length, 1.7-2.1 × 0.9-1.1 mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 1.9–2.1 mm, ovate to narrowly ovate, straight,  $1-1.5 \times 0.6-0.7$  mm, the apex acute. Standard claw 1.5-1.9 × 0.3-0.4 mm; lamina base cordate, with or without basal auricles; lamina yellow with red veins and red central markings, broadly ovate, 4.3-5.1 × 5.1-6.6 mm; emarginate indent 0.3–0.6 mm long. Wings claw 1.4–1.8 mm long; lamina yellow, adaxial spur straight,  $c.~0.5 \times 0.5$  mm; lamina straight, oblong, 4.3–4.5 × 1.4–1.9 mm, the apex rounded. Keel claw1.5–1.8 mm long; lamina yellow with dark red towards the apex, oblong, to elliptic, straight, 3.5–4.3 × 1.9–2.4 mm, glabrous; the apex rounded. Stamen filaments  $1.8-6.1 \times 0.1-0.2$  mm; anthers cream,  $0.5-0.7 \times 0.3-0.45$  mm. Gynoecium stipe 0.7–1.1 mm long; ovary  $1.5-1.7 \times 0.5-0.7$  mm, with evenly distributed dense, spreading, straight hairs, c. 0.4 mm long; style curved,  $2.4-3.2 \times 0.1-0.15$  mm, base with sparse,

spreading, straight hairs, c. 0.2 mm long, remainder glabrous; stigma simple. Fruit inflated, ellipsoid, both margins strongly curved,  $3-3.5\times2.8-4$  mm, outer surface with dense, appressed, straight hairs, c. 0.3 mm long. Seeds black, ellipsoid, c.  $1.5\times1$  mm, smooth, shiny; aril u-shaped surrounding hilum, c.  $0.8\times0.6$  mm, translucent white.

### Chromosome number. Unknown.

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Near intersection of Parmango and Howick roads, Reserve 32128, Oct. 1984, M.A. Burgman 4224 (PERTH); Oldfield R crossing on West Point Road, 19 Sep. 1999, G.T. Chandler, A. Monro, S. Donaldson GTC 927 (CANB, PERTH); Lakes Road E of Wagin-Wickepin Road, E of Nomans Lake Hall, 20 Sep. 1999. J.A. Chappill & R. Butcher JAC 6220 (PERTH); NE of old Kundip townsite, 7 Dec. 2003, G.F. Craig 5995 (PERTH); Yillimilling Nature reserve, ENE of Narrogin, 10 Oct. 1996, M.D. Crisp 8918 & W. Keys (CANB, PERTH, MEL); W of Bremer Bay Road along Reef beach Road, 9 Oct. 2002, R. Davis 10453 (MEL, PERTH); Oldfield River at crossing of Esperance – Ravensthorpe Road, 13 Oct. 1968, H.J. Eichler 20237 (AD, CANB, PERTH); Dongolocking Nature Reserve, NE of Wagin, 13 Oct. 1999, G.J. Keighery & N. Gibson 4812 (PERTH); Kamballup along Woogenellup Road, 28 Oct. 1992, T.D. Macfarlane & H.R. White TDM 2090 (PERTH); NE of Howick Hill, Neridup, 21 Sep. 1968, A.E. Orchard 1137 (AD, CANB, PERTH); Cape Arid National Park, camping ground, 9 Sep. 1983, J. Taylor & P. Ollerenshaw JT 1562 (AD, CANB, MEL, PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. In South Australia, Eutaxia empetrifolia is only recorded from the type specimen collection, and the remainder are from south-western Western Australia (Figure 28). It occurs in tall heath, scrub, shrubland, eucalyptus woodland with low shrub understorey, in light brown sandy clay or sand, on sandstone, in lateritic soil, quartzitic or granitic substrates. The type locality, Bethanien, is the first village established by Lutherans in 1842 at the foot of the Barossa Hills in South Australia.

Flowering period. August to October, fruiting in November.

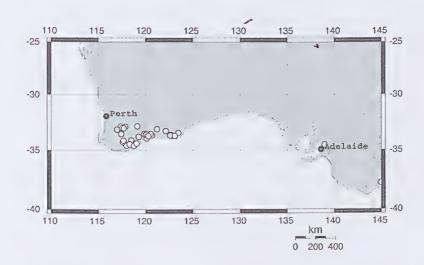


Figure 28. Distribution of Eutaxia empetrifolia in southern Australia.

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Conservation status. This species is widespread and not considered to be under threat at this time.

Etymology. Alludes to the superficially similar leaves of the genus Empetrum L.

Notes. This species differs from *E. microphylla* in having narrowly obovate leaves with a subacute to rounded apex and margins always glabrous, compared with ovate or oblong leaves with an obtuse apex and margins sometimes ciliate. The apex of the branchlets is never pungent as seen in many collections of *E. microphylla*. *Eutaxia empetrifolia* is similar to *E. diffusa* in having obovate leaves, but differs in these being narrow with a rounded to subacute apex instead of acute. Leaves in *E. empetrifolia* are less than 4.5 mm long (mainly 2 mm long) and 1.3 mm wide, compared with (2–) 6–9.7 mm long and up to 2.8 mm wide in *E. diffusa*. Flowers are also mainly smaller.

If *Eutaxia* and *Pultenaea* are combined as *Pultenaea* in the future, it should be noted that the epithet is preoccupied by *P. empetrifolia* Meisn. and the epithet may be changed.

Nicholson included *Eutaxia empetrifolia* Schlecht. in the *Eutaxia* section of *The Illustrated Dictionary of Gardening* 1: 543 (1885) as 'the correct name for the plant described as *Sclerothamnus empetrifolia*.' No records have been found for a previous combination for this name.

**2.6.** Eutaxia lasiocalyx Chappill & C.F.Wilkins, *Nuytsia* 17: 476–477 (2007). *Type*: Marvel Loch, Western Australia [precise locality withheld for conservation reasons], 7 November 1984, *B.H. Smith* 543 (*holo*: PERTH 00710237!; *iso*: CANB, MEL).

Shrub spreading, densely branched c.  $0.15 \times 0.6$  m. Stems red-brown or green with pale red ribs, tubercles, apical growth with sparse to dense, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.1 mm long, not spinescent. Stipules absent. Pulvinus 0.2-0.4 mm long. Leaves spreading, alternate, or whorled, internode length shorter than leaf length, petiole 0.05-0.15 mm long; blade slightly discolourous, mid green, over paler green without purple markings; ovate to oblong, verrucose, 0.5-2.2 × 0.35-0.9 mm; abaxial surface with single prominent rib, apical growth with both surfaces and / or margin, with sparse to medium density, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.1 mm long, becoming glabrous, the apex obtuse, straight. Flowers axillary, solitary. Bracts similar to floral leaves but shorter and thinner-textured, ovate, 0.6-1 × 0.6-1 mm. Bracteoles persistent, on the pedicel just below the calyx, red-green, or green, lanceolate,  $0.8-1.5 \times 0.4-0.6$  mm, with sparse, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.15 mm long and hairs on margin, the apex acute. Pedicels straight, 0.6-1.7 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals 3-3.8 × 1.3-1.8 mm, outer surface and margin of lobes with medium density, spreading, straight hairs 0.2-0.4 mm long. Hypanthium c. 0.6 mm long. Calyx faintly10-ribbed, mainly red tube with green lobes, without markings, dull; total calyx length 3-3.8 mm; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1–1.2 mm, symmetrical,  $1.8-2.5 \times 0.7-0.9$  mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 1.5-1.7 mm, narrowly ovate, straight, 1.4–1.6 × 0.7–0.75 mm, the apex acute. Standard claw1–1.3 × 0.4 mm; lamina base slightly cordate, not auriculate; lamina yellow without markings, broadly ovate or broadly elliptic, 3.5-4.1 × 4.7-6.1 mm, emarginate indent c. 0.3 mm. Wings claw 1.1-1.2 mm long; lamina adaxial spur straight, c.  $0.3 \times 0.4$  mm; lamina yellow, straight, oblong,  $3.6 \times 1.1 - 1.5$  mm, the apex rounded. Keel claw1.2–1.4 mm long; lamina yellow, oblong, straight, 3–3.7 × 1.4–1.8 mm, glabrous; the apex rounded. Stamen filaments  $2.2-3.3 \times 0.15-0.2$  mm; anthers cream,  $0.5-0.6 \times 0.3-0.35$  mm. Gynoecium stipe 0.15-0.3 mm long; ovary  $1.3-1.5 \times 0.5-0.7$  mm long, with evenly distributed dense, spreading, straight hairs, c. 0.8 mm long; style curved, c.  $2.7 \times 0.1$  mm, base with sparse, spreading, straight hairs, c. 0.2 mm, remainder glabrous; stigma simple. Fruit and seeds not seen.

Chromosome number. Unknown.

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: [localities withheld] Nov. 1971, W.H. Butler s.n. (PERTH); 16 Sep. 1994, N. Gibson & M. Lyons 1997 (PERTH); 14 Oct. 2003, V. Yeomans 17 (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia lasiocalyx is known from the Parker Range, Mt Holland, Forrestania and Lake Barker (Figure 29). It occurs in woodland or mallee on lateritic or quartzitic substrates.

Flowering period. September to November.

*Conservation status*. Listed as Priority Two under DEC Conservation Codes for Western Australian Flora (Smith 2010) as it is only known from a few locations, but occurs within a conservation reserve.

Etymology. From the Greek lasios (= woolly, hairy) and calyx in reference to the hairy calyx present in this species.

*Notes.* This species differs from *Eutaxia lasiophylla* in having a hairy calyx, from *E. andocada* and *E. acanthoclada* in the hairy leaves and calyx and from *E. rubricarina* in the yellow keel and the standard lamina without markings. It differs from *E. hirsuta* in having a fine style with the apex that is curved compared with a wider style with hooked apex.

Some specimens of this species held at PERTH have been determined as *Eutaxia* sp. Mt Holland (*B.H. Smith* 543) but this has not been recorded on *FloraBase*.

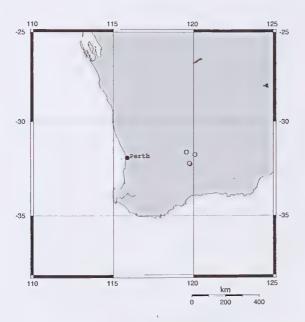


Figure 29. Distribution of Eutaxia lasiocalyx in Western Australia.

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**2.7.** Eutaxia leptophylla Turcz., *Bull. Soc. Imp. Naturalistes Moscou* 26: 268 (1853). *Type citation*: 'Drum. IV. n. 35.' [Western Australia, 1844–1847, *J. Drummond* 4: 35] (*holo*: KW; *iso*: BM550735!, CGE, G!, K (image !), MEL, P!, W).

Shrub erect or spreading, densely branched  $0.3-1 \times 0.5-1$  m. Stems green with cream or pale red ribs, or red-brown with pale red ribs, without tubercles, glabrous, not spinescent. Stipules absent or mid-brown, 0.05-0.1 × 0.05-0.1 mm. Pulvinus 0.2-0.3 mm long. Leaves spreading, opposite and decussate, internode length shorter than leaf length, petiole 0.05-0.1 mm long; blade concolorous greygreen, or discolorous with abaxial surface darker and sometimes reddish purple on the veins, linear, narrowly elliptic, or rarely ovate to obovate, not verrucose, 0.8–2.8 × 0.3–0.6 mm, abaxial surface with obscure or 1 visible rib, blade glabrous; the apex acute or rounded with an uncinate apiculus c. 0.1 mm long. Flowers axillary, solitary. Bracts absent with flower in the axil of a vegetative leaf, or the flower subtended by a shorter and often broader and thinner textured floral leaf,  $1-2.5 \times 0.7$  mm. Bracteoles on the pedicel just below the calyx, red-brown, ovate-lanceolate, 1.1-3 × 0.6-1.2 mm, glabrous, the apex acute and uncinate, Pedicels straight, (0.6-)1.1-1.3(-1.8) mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals, 2.9-4.5 × 1.5-2 mm, glabrous except for margin of lobes. Hypanthium 0.3-0.5 mm long. Calyx inconspicuously 5-8-ribbed, green with red markings at base, or at base and centre of lobes, glossy or dull; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.1-1.3 mm, symmetrical,  $1.8-2.6 \times 0.9-1.1$  mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 1.5-2.4 mm, ovate, straight, 1.1-1.6 × 0.9-1.1 mm, the apex acute. Standard claw 1.4–2.5 × 0.35–0.5 mm; lamina base rounded or slightly cordate, with or without auricles; lamina yellow-orange with red veins on back, with a small, pale yellow, triangular eye bordered with bright red markings; lamina broadly elliptic, or broadly ovate, 3.8-5.3 × 5-7 mm; emarginate indent 0.3-0.5 mm. Wings claw 1.4-2.1 mm long; lamina adaxial spur straight,  $0.3-0.5 \times 0.4-0.5$  mm; lamina base red, towards the apex yellow-orange, straight, oblong, or slightly obovate, 3.5–5.5 × 1.4–1.7 mm, the apex rounded. Keel claw 1.2-2 mm long; lamina red, fading towards base, straight, oblong, or obovate,  $3.3 - 5.5 \times 1.8 - 2.5$  mm, glabrous; the apex rounded. Stamen filaments  $2.7 - 5.7 \times 0.15 - 0.25$  mm; anthers yellow,  $0.3-0.5 \times 0.25-0.3$  mm. Gynoecium stipe 0.6-0.8 mm long; ovary c.  $1.5 \times 0.5$  mm, with evenly distributed, dense, spreading, straight hairs, 0.6–0.7 mm long; style curved, 3–3.1 × 0.15 mm, glabrous or base with scattered, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.5 mm long and apical 2/3 glabrous; stigma simple. Fruit inflated, globose, both margins strongly curved, 3.5-5 × 2.8-3.5 mm, with dense hairs. Seeds brown, ellipsoid, c.  $1.8 \times 1.2$  mm; aril white, elliptical, c.  $0.8 \times 0.4$  mm.

Chromosome number. 2n = 16 voucher Sands 639.1.4, cited as E. virgata in Sands (1975).

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: N of Daniell rail crossing, S of Norseman Post Office along the Coolgardie-Esperance Hwy, 30 Oct. 1999, B. Archer 1447 (MEL, PERTH); N of Muntadgin, Sep. 1947, E.T. Bailey 250 (PERTH); E of Coorow, on Coorow-Wadder Road, 24 July 1977, C. Chapman 56046.6 (PERTH); W of Doodlakine, 10 Oct. 2000, R. Davis WW 14—45 (PERTH); Ridge NW of W Forest Hill on Barokee, Coorow Shire, 23 Aug. 1996, F. Falconer 60 (PERTH); Day Street opposite Andersons, N from Kulin, 16 Sep. 2000, J.P. Francis 57 (CANB, MEL, NSW, PERTH); Oak Park Shire Reserve at the junction of Oak Park Road and Botherling East Road, NNE of the town of Goomalling, 18 Sep. 1999, A.G. Gunness et al. s.n. (PERTH); S of Elsewhere Road on Cunderdin Road, SE of Bonnie Rock Siding, 8 Sep. 1996, T.R. Lally & B.J. Lepschi 1202 (AD, CANB, MEL, PERTH); 9 Mile Rock, ENE of Southern Cross, 16 Sep. 1981, K. Newbey 8817 (PERTH); N of 3 Mile Rock, 3 Sep. 1963, V.E. Sands 639.1.4 (PERTH, SYD); N of Boorabbin, 16 Sep. 1999, B.H. Smith 1952 (MEL, NSW, PERTH); Barnong Station, 2 July 1993, S. Van Vreeswyk 3637 (PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia leptophylla is widespread in inland south-western Western Australia from Barnong Station, east of Mullewa to Lort River, west of Esperance (Figure 30). It occurs in open woodland over shrubland, in red sand or brown loamy sand over clay, or red clayey loam on lateritic and granitic substrates, or occasionally in stony, saline areas.

Flowering period. July to October.

Conservation status. Eutaxia leptophylla is widespread with no special requirements for conservation at this time.

Etymology. From the Greek leptos (= narrow) and phyllon (= leaf) in reference to the narrow leaves present in this species.

*Notes. Eutaxia leptophylla* is distinguished from all other species of *Eutaxia* that share the features of a curved fine style and simple stigma, in having an uncinate apex of leaves and bracteoles.

Leaves of populations from Wongan Hills (*Gardner 2722*) and (*Gardner & Blackall 806*) have the apex uncinate, but are unusual in being broader and obovate, sometimes with hairy margins or with both leaf surfaces hairy. In addition the keel is yellow orange instead of red. Further study of these populations is required.

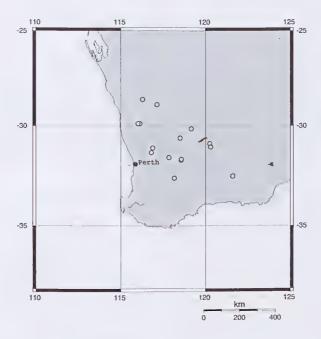


Figure 30. Distribution of Eutaxia leptophylla in Western Australia.

**2.8.** Eutaxia microphylla (R.Br.) C.H.Wright & Dewar, *Johnson's Gardener's Dictionary*: 1052 (1894). *Sclerothamnus microphyllus* R.Br., in Aiton, *Hortus Kewensis* ed. 2, 3: 16 (Oct.—Nov. 1811). *Type citation*: 'Nat. of the South coast of New Holland. Robert Brown, Esq. Introd. 1803, by Mr. Peter Good.' *Lecto, here designated*: Island 8, South Coast [Thistle Island is anchorage 8 in S. Australia, (Chapman *et. al* 2010)], *R. Brown* Bennett No. 4090 (BM 550733!); *isolecto*: K (image!). '*Paralecto*: Kew Gardens 1807, from seed sent from the South Coast of new Holland [by Peter Good?] (BM 550734!).

Erect, densely branched shrub 30-40 cm high. Stems green with cream ribs, glabrous, without tubercles, mainly spinescent. Stipules absent or cream, 0.1–0.2 × 0.1–0.15 mm. Pulvinus 0.2–0.8 mm long. Leaves spreading, opposite and decussate, internode length shorter than leaf length, petiole 0-0.2 mm long; blade concolorous grey-green; narrowly oblong, narrowly ovate or ovate, not tuberculate, 2.3-4 × 0.6-0.9 mm, with mid-vein obscure, both surfaces glabrous, margin glabrous or ciliate on new growth; the apex obtuse. Flowers axillary, solitary. Bracts absent, flowers in the axil of vegetative leaf. Bracteoles persistent, on the pedicel just below the calyx, ovate, elliptic, 1-1.8 × 0.8–1.2 mm, green or red-brown, glabrous, the apex obtuse. Pedicels recurved or straight, 1.8–3.5 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals, 3.5-4 × 1.8-2 mm, glabrous, except for hairs on margins of calyx lobes. Hypanthium 0.3-0.5 mm long. Calyx not ribbed or with 5 faint ribs; mainly green and red on tube, red lobes with red spots on lobe or red markings, dull; total calyx length 2.7-4 mm long, three abaxial lobes imbricate, fused at base for 1.2–1.5 mm, equal length, 1–2.2 × 1–1.3 mm; two adaxial lobes valvate, fused at base for 2-3.8 mm, ovate, straight, 0.5-2.2 × 0.9-1.1 mm, the apex acute. Standard claw 2–2.8 × 0.4–0.5 mm; lamina base strongly or slightly cordate, without auricles; lamina yellow-orange, with a small, yellow, ovate eye bordered with deep red markings conspicuous on rear; lamina broadly ovate, 4.5–6 × 6–7 mm, emarginate indent 0.3–0.4 mm. Wings claw 1.3–2.3 mm long; adaxial spur straight, 0.3-0.5 × 0.3-0.5 mm long; lamina yellow-orange, straight, oblong, 5.5-8 × 1.1–2 mm, the apex rounded. Keel claw 1.5–2.3 mm long; lamina dark red, straight, oblong, 5.8–7.5 × 1.9–2.5 mm, glabrous; the apex rounded. Stamen filaments 3.7–7.8 × 0.1–0.15 mm; anthers yellow,  $0.5-0.6 \times 0.35 \ 0.45 \ \text{mm}$ . Gynoecium stipe  $0.7-1.3 \ \text{mm}$ ; ovary  $1.8-2.3 \times 0.5-0.6 \ \text{mm}$ , with evenly distributed, dense, spreading, straight hairs, c. 0.4 mm long; style curved, 2.4–3.2 × 0.15 mm, base glabrous or with scattered, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.4 mm and remainder glabrous; stigma simple. Fruit inflated, ellipsoid, both margins strongly curved,  $c. 5.5 \times 3.2$  mm, outer surface with moderately dense hairs. Seed ellipsoid, c. 2.5 × 1.8 mm, black without markings; aril ellipsoid, c. 1.3 × 1 mm, white.

Chromosome number: 2n = 16 (vouchers Sands 649.1.1, Sands 649.1.4, Sands 649.2.3; in Sands 1975).

Selected specimens. NEW SOUTH WALES: Wyalong, 22 Sep. 1906, J.L. Boorman s.n. (G, NSW n.v., MEL n.v., P); W of Gubbata on the Naradhan Road, 28 Nov. 1984, R. Coveny & P. Hind 12036 (CANB, K, NSW, PERTH); Tamara, Oct. 1917, J.W. Dwyer s.n. (G); Koraleigh, S of Balranald, 14 Oct. 1949, J. Vickery 10,252 (BM, K). VICTORIA: Murrayville, Oct. 1928, H.B. Williams s.n. (G); Western Wimmera, Sep. 1889, C. French s.n. (P); Little Desert Area S of Kiata, 11 Oct. 1992, G.P. Lewis & S. Tan 2135 (K); W of Kaniva, 15 Sep. 1952, R. Melville 881 (K); Werribee, 1863, F. von Mueller s.n. (P); Western Wimmera, Sep. 1888, F. von Mueller s.n. (P); Western Highway, NW of Stawell, 30 Sep. 1962, T.B. Muir 2589 (BM, MEL n.v.); 90 mile desert, s. dat., C. Walter s.n. (MEL n.v., P); Chinkapook, 19 Aug. 1918, A.B. Williamson s.n. (K, MEL n.v.). SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Kulpara, NW of Adelaide, Northern Yorke Peninsula, 4 Sep. 1966, B.J. Blaylock 131 (AD, G); W of Scorpion Spring, Scorpion National Park, S of Pinnaroo, 21 Oct. 1973, J. Carrick 3432 (BM, K); Southern Flinders Ranges, Mount Remarkable National Park, at Melrose, 10 Oct. 1973, K. Czornij

644 (AD, G); WSW of Kimba, 12 Sep. 1973, N.N. Donner 4679 (AD, G); Lower Mount Lofty Range, McLaren Flat, 1 Nov. 1964, D.N. Kraehenbuehl 1321 (AD, K); Port Lincoln, s.dat., F. von Mueller 18 (P); W of Tuckey, 20 Sep. 1965, M.E. Phillips SA/65 477 (CANB, K); N of the Arno Bay turnoff, Eyre Peninsula, 31 Aug. 1964, V.E. Sands 649.1.1 (PERTH, SYD); Eyre Peninsula, 31 Aug. 1964, V.E. Sands 649.1.4 (PERTH, SYD); Port Lincoln, St Andrews Tce, 1 Sep. 1964, V.E. Sands 649.2.3 (PERTH); N of Port Lincoln, 13 Sep. 1970, M.D. Tindale 488 (AD, NSW, K); W of Cape Donington, Spalding Cove, 8 Oct. 1958, P.G. Wilson 313 (AD, K). TASMANIA: North east: Flinders Island. Specimens not viewed by first author, however, Flora of Tasmania describes ovate leaves and pungent branchlets for E. microphylla.

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia microphylla occurs in Victoria and New South Wales west of the Great Dividing Range, in north east Tasmania and in southern South Australia (Figure 31). It has been collected from heathland, shrubland and open forest and is commonly found amongst Acacia, Eucalyptus and Eremophila. The recorded habitat is red-brown sand.

Flowering period. July to October.

*Conservation status*. Conservation requirements unknown. This species does not occur in Western Australia but from old collections appears to be abundant in South Australia.

Etymology. From the Greek micro- (= small) and phyllon (= leaf) in reference to the small leaves present in this species.

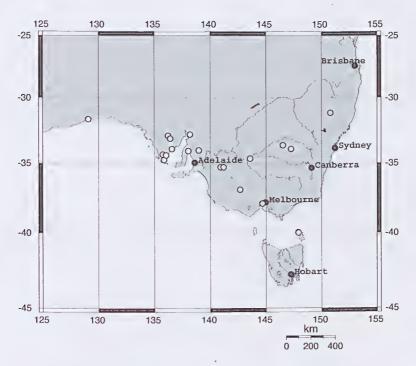


Figure 31. Distribution of Eutaxia microphylla in southern Australia.

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Notes. Eutaxia microphylla can be distinguished from E. empetrifolia and E. diffusa by its leaves being ovate to oblong with an obtuse apex and more truncate base, rather than being obovate with a subacute to acute apex and more tapered base. Eutaxia microphylla displays some resemblance to E. acanthoclada and E. parvifolia; however, it can be distinguished from E. parvifolia by the filiform, elongate style and simple stigma as opposed to the thick, hooked style and capitate stigma of that species. Eutaxia acanthoclada can be differentiated by its alternate, rather than having opposite leaves, and its all-yellow flower petals rather than being red-keeled. Further research may show E. nanophylla to be a subspecies of E. microphylla as they vary only in the former having smaller leaves, hairs always present on the leaf margins and branchlets never pungent, compared with marginal leaf hairs occasionally present and branchlets frequently pungent in E. microphylla.

There are two unusual Geneva herbarium specimens. The first *Eichler* 19412 from Elliston, South Australia, resembles *E. microphylla* but has broader, grey leaves and broader calyx lobes. It requires further collection to establish if it represents a new species.

The second, F.M. Reader s.n. from Dimboolah, closely resembles E. microphylla, but it has moderately dense hairs on the outer calyx compared with being glabrous.

The BM specimen has been chosen as the lectotype as it is annotated as a Brown collection from the south coast of Australia, is a good quality specimen and matches the species description. The first author has viewed a Kew photo of a duplicate of the Brown collection, Bennett no. 4090, that is a probable isolectotype, collected from 'Ins[ula no.] 8'.

**2.9.** Eutaxia nanophylla Chappill & C.F.Wilkins, *Nuytsia* 17: 478–840 (2007). *Type*: north-west of Lake Cronin, Western Australia [precise locality withheld for conservation reasons], 13 September 1981, *K.R. Newbey* 8800 (*holo*: PERTH 00627445!; *iso*: CANB).

Shrub spreading or rounded, sparsely branched, 0.15–0.35 × 0.3–0.55 m. Stems red-brown, faintly ribbed, without tubercles, young stems with scattered to medium density, spreading, straight hairs 0.15-0.2 mm long, becoming glabrous, not spinescent. Stipules absent. Pulvinus 0.2-3 mm long. Leaves appressed or spreading, opposite and decussate, or alternate, internode length shorter than leaf length; petiole 0.05–0.1 mm long; blade concolourous, green or grey-green, without markings; ovate, 0.5–2.7 × 0.5–0.8 mm; abaxial surface with veins indistinct or one, slightly verrucose; mainly both surfaces glabrous, or scattered hairs on adaxial, or abaxial or both surfaces, margins ciliate; the apex obtuse, straight. Flowers axillary, solitary. Bracts absent, flowers in axil of vegetative leaf. Bracteoles on the pedicel just below the calyx, red-green, lanceolate,  $1.3-1.7 \times 0.5-1$  mm, glabrous, or with scattered, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.1 mm long on margin. Pedicels straight, 0.8-1.3 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals, 2.5-4 × 1.5-1.8 mm, glabrous except for margins of lobes. Hypanthium 0.35–0.6 mm long. Calyx faintly 6-ribbed, red-brown or green with dark red markings, dull; three abaxial lobes fused at base for 0.9-1.4 mm, 1.4-2.4 × 0.65-1 mm, symmetrical; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 1.4–1.8 mm, 0.95–1.3 × 0.6–0.9 mm, ovate, straight, the apex acute. Standard claw 1.2–1.6 × 0.3–0.5 mm; lamina base truncate or slightly cordate, not or only slightly auriculate; lamina yellow-orange with a pale yellow, triangular eye, bordered with bright red veins; lamina broadly ovate, 3.3-4 × 4.4-6.1 mm, emarginate indent c. 0.3 mm long. Wings claw 1.2-1.5 mm long; adaxial spur c.  $0.4 \times 0.5$  mm, straight; lamina yellow, straight, oblong, or slightly obovate, 3.1–3.5 × 1.2–1.8 mm, the apex rounded. Keel claw 1.1–1.5 mm long; lamina red, straight, oblong, or rounded on abaxial margin, 3-3.7 × 1.5-2.4 mm, glabrous; the apex rounded. Stamen filaments,  $1.8-4.7 \times 0.25-0.3$  mm; anthers yellow,  $0.3-0.5 \times 0.25-0.35$  mm. Gynoecium stipe 0.5-0.7 mm long; ovary 1.5–1.9 × 0.5–0.8 mm, with evenly distributed, dense, spreading, straight hairs, 0.4–0.6 mm long; style curved,  $2-2.7 \times 0.1-0.15$  mm, base with scattered, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.15, remainder glabrous; stigma simple. Fruit and seed not seen.

Chromosome number. Unknown.

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: [localities withheld] 11 Sep. 1947, N.T. Burbidge 2422 (CANB); 2 Nov. 1998, A.M. Coates 4458 (NEW, NSW, PERTH); 26 Oct. 1993, V. Crowley DKN 321 (PERTH); 1 Oct. 1928, C.A. Gardner 2088 (K, PERTH); 3 Oct. 1979, K.R. Newbey 6202 (PERTH); 7 Oct. 1981, K.R. Newbey 9240 (PERTH); 25 June 1990, H. Pringle 2846 (PERTH); 10 Sep. 1982, P.S. Short 1676 (AD, CANB, HO, MEL, NSW, PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia nanophylla occurs in Western Australia from Riverina Station to the northern Stirling Ranges, with a westernmost collection from Duranillin (Figure 32). It occurs in woodland, shrubland or rarely open herbland, on sand over clay, stony, clay loam, or red clay.

Flowering period. September to November.

Conservation status. This species is known from seven localities; however, its presence at early collection sites has not been recently confirmed. Listed as Priority Three under DEC Conservation Codes for Western Australia (Smith 2010).

Etymology. From the Greek nanos (= dwarf) and phyllon (= leaves) in reference to its very small leaves.

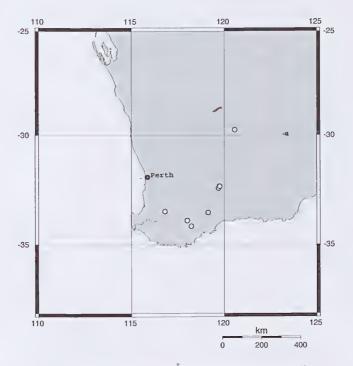


Figure 32. Distribution of Eutaxia nanophylla in Western Australia.

*Notes.* This species may be synonymous with *E. microphylla*, but differs in the stem apex not being spinous, stems hairy not glabrous and leaf margins always ciliate comapred with only sometimes. It differs from *E. lasiocalyx* in having a glabrous calyx and red compared with a yellow-orange keel.

Specimens of this species held at PERTH have been determined as *Eutaxia* sp. Lake Cronin (K.R. Newbey 8800) but this has name not been recorded on FloraBase.

**2.10.** Eutaxia rubricarina Chappill & C.F.Wilkins, *Nuytsia* 17: 480–482 (2007). *Type*: near Kokeby, Western Australia [precise locality withheld for conservation reasons], 16 August 2002, *T. Watson* 225 (*holo*: PERTH 06358616!; *iso*: CANB, MEL).

Shrub erect, spreading or prostrate, straggling, sparsely branched, 0.02–0.5 × 0.5 m. Stems brown or green with cream ribs, without tubercles, with dense, spreading, curled hairs c. 0.2 mm long, not spinescent. Stipules absent. Pulvinus c. 0.4 mm long. Leaves spreading, alternate or opposite, internode length shorter than leaf length, petiole 0.05-0.1 mm long; blade concolourous, grey-green or red-green, or discolorous with abaxial surface with purple markings; ovate to linear, 0.5–3.3 × 0.4–1.3 mm, abaxial surface distinctly 1- or 3-ribbed and verrucose, margin and both surfaces with scattered, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.15 mm long, the apex obtuse and straight. Flowers axillary, solitary. Bracts absent, flowers in axil of vegetative leaf. Bracteoles persistent just below the calyx, grey-green or red-green, ovate-lanceolate, 1.3-2.3 × 0.7-1 mm, both surfaces and margin with scattered, spreading, straight hairs c. 0.15 mm long. Pedicels straight, 0.4–1.1 mm long. Buds excluding emergent petals 2.5–3.8 × 1.7-2 mm, outer surface and margin of calyx lobes with scattered to medium density, spreading, straight or wavy, hairs 0.15-0.3 mm long. Hypanthium c. 0.5 mm long. Calyx not ribbed, green with dark red blotches and stripes, with or without red spots at junction of lobes, dull; total calyx length 4-6 mm long, three abaxial lobes fused at base for 1.3-1.4 mm, middle abaxial lobe 1.9-2.4 × 1.3-1.4 mm, lateral lobes  $2.1-2.3 \times 1.1-1.4$  mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 1.9-3 mm, ovate, straight,  $0.5-1.3 \times 1.1-1.4$  mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 1.9-3 mm, ovate, straight,  $0.5-1.3 \times 1.1-1.4$  mm; two adaxial lobes fused at base for 1.9-3 mm, ovate, straight,  $0.5-1.3 \times 1.1-1.4$  mm; 0.5-1.1 mm, the apex acute. Standard claw 1.5-2.1 × 0.35-0.7 mm; lamina base truncate or cordate, not auriculate; lamina yellow-orange, with a small, paler yellow, ovate to triangular eye bordered with deep red vein markings, broadly ovate, 4.5-5.6 × 7-7.8 mm, emarginate indent 0.5-0.7 mm. Wings claw 1.7–2 mm long; adaxial spur  $c.~0.6 \times 0.5$  mm, straight; lamina yellow-orange, straight, oblong, to slightly obovate, 4.9–5.9 × 1.8–2.1 mm, the apex rounded. Keel claw 1.3–1.8 mm long; lamina dark red, obovate, straight, 4.8–5.1 × 2.8–3 mm, glabrous; the apex rounded. Stamen filaments 3.5–5.2 × 0.15–0.3 mm; anthers cream to grey-brown, 0.5 × 0.35–0.4 mm. Gynoecium stipe 0.7–1 mm; ovary 1.2-1.7 × 0.7 mm, with evenly distributed dense, spreading, straight hairs, 0.7-1 mm long; style curved, 3.3-4.3 × 0.15-0.2 mm, base with scattered, spreading, straight hairs 0.2 mm long, remainder glabrous; stigma simple. Fruit and seed not seen.

Selected specimens. WESTERN AUSTRALIA: [localities withheld] 5 Oct. 1933, W.E. Blackall 3276 (PERTH); 7 Oct. 1986, T. Macfarlane 1691 (PERTH); 23 Aug. 1979, K.R. Newbey 5802 (PERTH); 18 Sep. 2000, M. Ochtman & D. Lynch 6 (BELY, PERTH); 31 July 1988, B.H. Smith 1056 (BRI, CANB, MEL); 3 Oct. 2002, T. Watson & P. Clynk 370 (BELY, PERTH).

Distribution and habitat. Eutaxia rubricarina is known from the south-west of Western Australia from Manmanning to Quairading and east from Yellowdine to Lake Cronin (Figure 33). It grows in open woodland on grey, gravelly sand, red loam or pinkish-white, sandy clay with gravel.

Flowering period. July to October.

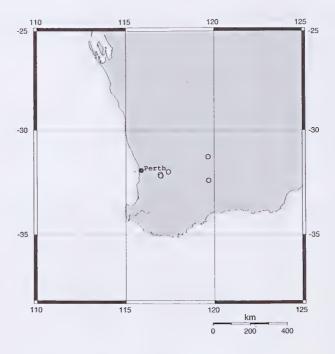


Figure 33. Distribution of Eutaxia rubricarina in Western Australia.

Conservation status. Listed as Priority Three under DEC Conservation Codes for Western Australian Flora (Smith 2010) as it is only known from a few locations.

Etymology. From the Latin rubro- (= red-) and carina (= keel) in reference to the red keel present in this species.

*Notes. Eutaxia rubricarina* is characterised by its hairy calyx and verrucose leaves that are ovate and hairy on the adaxial surface. It is distinguished from *E. lasiocalyx* by having a red rather than a yellow keel.

Some specimens of this species held at PERTH have been determined as *Eutaxia* sp. Kokeby (T. Watson & P. Clynk 370) but this name has not been recorded on *FloraBase*.

#### **Excluded names**

Eutaxia divaricata Turcz.= Dillwynia divaricata (Turcz.) Benth.

Eutaxia patula F. Muell. ex Sond. = Dillwynia uncinata (Turcz.) J.Black

Eutaxia punctata Turcz. = Gastrolobium punctatum (Turcz.) G.Chandler & Crisp

*Eutaxia pungens* Sweet = *Dillwynia pungens* (Sweet)Lodd.

Eutaxia reticulata Meisn. in Lehm. = Gastrolobium reticulatum (Meisn.) Benth.

Eutaxia sparsifolia F. Muell. = Dillwynia uncinata (Turcz.) J.Black

Eutaxia strangeana Turcz. = Dillwynia retorta (Wendl.) Druce

Eutaxia uncinata Turez. = Dillwynia uncinata (Turez.) J.Black

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**Taxon Name** 

### **Taxon Number**

Eutaxia R.Br. = Eutaxia R.Br. sect. Eutaxia

Sclerothamnus R.Br. = Eutaxia R.Br. sect. Sclerothamnus

 $Dillwynia\ incerta\ Domin = E.\ myrtifolia$ 

Dillwynia myrtifolia Sm. = E. myrtifolia

Dillwynia obovata Labill.= E. myrtifolia

Eutaxia acanthoclada G.R.Hend. & Chappill

2.1

Eutaxia actinophylla Chappill & C.F. Wilkins

2.2

Eutaxia andocada Chappill & C.F.Wilkins	2.3
Eutaxia alternifolia Chappill ms = E. andocada	
Eutaxia baxteri Knowles & Westc. = E myrtifolia	
Eutaxia cuneata Meisn.	1.1
Eutaxia densifolia Turcz. = E. parvifolia Benth.	
Eutaxia diffusa F.Muell.	2.4
Eutaxia dillwynioides Meisn. = E. parvifolia	
Eutaxia divaricata Turcz. = Dillwynia divaricata (Turcz.) Benth.	
Eutaxia empetrifolia Schltdl.	2.5
Eutaxia epacridoides Meisn.	1.2
Eutaxia epacridoides Meisn. subsp. sparsifolia G.R.Henderson ms = E. exilis	
Eutaxia ericoides Meisn. var. ericoides = E. virgata	
Eutaxia ericoides var. filicaulis Meisn. = E. virgata	
Eutaxia exilis C.F.Wilkins & G.R.Hend.	1.3
Eutaxia hirsuta C.F.Wilkins & Chappill	1.4
Eutaxia inuncta C.F.Wilkins & Chappill	1.5
Eutaxia lasiocalyx Chappill & C.F.Wilkins	2.6
Eutaxia lasiophylla G.R.Hend.	1.6
Eutaxia leptophylla Turcz.	2.7
Eutaxia lutea Chappill & G.R.Hend.	1.7
Eutaxia major (Benth.) C.F.Wilkins & Chappill	1.8
Eutaxia microphylla (R.Br.) C.H.Wright & Dewar	2.8
Eutaxia microphylla (R.Br.) C.H.Wright & Dewar var. microphylla = E. microphylla	
Eutaxia microphylla (R.Br.) C.H.Wright & Dewar var. diffusa (F.Muell.) Court = E. diff	usa
Eutaxia myrtifolia (Sm.) R.Br	1.9
Eutaxia myrtifolia var. angustifolia Meisn. = E. myrtifolia	
Eutaxia nanophylla Chappill & C.F.Wilkins	2.9
Eutaxia neurocalyx (Turcz.) Chappill & G.R.Hend.	1.10
Eutaxia neurocalyx (Turcz.) Chappill & G.R.Hend. subsp. neurocalyx	1.10a
Eutaxia neurocalyx (Turcz.) Chappill & G.R.Hend. subsp. nacta C.F.Wilkins	10b
Eutaxia neurocalyx (Turcz.) Chappill & G.R.Hend. subsp. papillosa C.F.Wilkins	1.10c
Eutaxia neurocalyx (Turcz.) Chappill & G.R.Hend. subsp. hirsuta ms = E. hirsuta	
Eutaxia neurocalyx (Turcz.) Chappill & G.R.Hend. subsp. major ms = E. inuncta	
Entaria neurocalur (Turca) Channill & G.P. Hand suben lantanhulla me = E. maiar	

Eutaxia obovata (Labill.) C.A.Gardner = E. myrtifolia

Eutaxia obovata Turcz. = E. parvifolia

Eutaxia parvifolia Benth.

1.11

Eutaxia patula D.Dietr. = Dillwynia patula F. Muell.

Eutaxia punctata Turcz. = Gastrolobium punctatum (Turcz.) G.Chandler & Crisp.

*Eutaxia pungens* Sweet = *Dillwynia pungens* (Sweet) Mackay ex Lodd.

*Eutaxia reticulata* Meisn. = *Gastrolobium reticulatum* (Meisn.) Benth.

Eutaxia rubricarina Chappill & C.F.Wilkins

2.10

Eutaxia sp. Hatter Hill (K.R. Newbey 6532) = E. acanthoclada

Eutaxia sp. Kokeby (T. Watson & P. Clynk 370) = E. rubricarina

Eutaxia sp. Lake Cronin (K.R. Newbey 8800) = E. nanophylla

Eutaxia sp. Mt Holland (B.H. Smith 543) = E. lasiocalyx

Eutaxia sp. Norseman (Archer 1387) = E. actinophylla

Eutaxia sp. Peak Eleanora (M.A. Burgman 3862) = E. andocada

Eutaxia sparsifolia F.Muell. = Dillwynia uncinata (Turcz.) J.M.Black

*Eutaxia strangeana* Turcz. = *Dillwynia retorta*?

Eutaxia uncinata Turcz. = Dillwynia uncinata (Turcz.) J.M.Black

Eutaxia verticillata Chappill & C.F. Wilkins ms = E. actinophylla

Eutaxia virgata Benth.

1.12

Eutaxia virgata var. diffusa Regel = E. diffusa?

Pultenaea neurocalyx Turcz. = E. neurocalyx

Pultenaea neurocalyx Turcz. var. major Benth. = E. inuncta

Sclerothamnus microphyllus R.Br. = E. microphylla (R.Br.) C.H.Wright &Dewar